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GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas Our Trusty and Well-beloved *Josiah Burchett*, Esq; hath humbly represented unto Us, that he hath with great Care and Pains compiled a Work entituled, *A Compleat History of the most Remarkable Transactions at Sea, from the earliest Accounts of Time to the Conclusion of the last War with France. In five Books.* And hath therefore humbly prayed Us to grant him Our Royal Privilege and Licence for the sole printing and publishing the said History; We are graciously pleased to condescend to his Request, and do therefore hereby give and grant unto the said *Josiah Burchett* Our Royal Licence and Privilege for the sole printing and publishing the said History compiled by him the said *Josiah Burchett*, for and during the Term of fourteen Years, to be computed from the Day of the Date hereof. Strictly charging prohibiting, and forbidding all our Subjects within our Kingdoms and Dominions to reprint or abridge the same, either in the like, or any other Volume or Volumes whatsoever, or to import, buy, vend, utter, or distribute any Copies of the same, or any part thereof reprinted beyond the Seas, during the said Term of fourteen Years, without the Consent and Approbation of him the said *Josiah Burchett*, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, by writing under his or their Hands and Seals first had and obtained, as they and every of them offending herein, will answer the contrary at their perils; whereof the Master, Wardens, and Company of Stationers of Our City of *London*, Commissioners and Officers of Our Customs, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, whom it may concern, are to take due Notice, that strict Obedience be given to Our Pleasure herein signified. Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the 20th Day of *November* 1719, in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

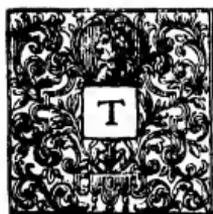
By His Majesty's Command,

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S I R,



THE Employment I have the
Happines to enjoy in Your Ma-
jesty's Maritime Service, and the
Subject of the following Sheets,
have embolden'd me, with the
utmost Humility, to lay my self and them at
Your Royal Feet.

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D E D I C A T I O N .

They contain, Sir, *An Account of Remarkable Transactions at Sea from the first Ages to the present Times*; and as Your Majesty's Kingdom of *Great Britain* must necessarily make the most considerable Figure therein, so do its Naval Actions, those especially since the happy Revolution, furnish out great part of the ensuing History, and, in this respect, by much the more valuable, in that it exhibits to Your Royal View the gallant Behaviour of great Numbers of Your Majesty's Subjects, yet living, who, in fighting for the Preservation of Religion, Laws, and Liberty, have given a glorious Earnest how ready they will always be to expose their Lives in Defence of Your Sacred Person and Dignity.

As this Your Kingdom, Sir, hath in all Times been remarkable for its Naval Power, so is that Power so much augmented since the beginning of the Reign of Your Majesty's Royal Predecessor, and Great-Grandfather, King *James* the First, that it hath not been equalled in any Age or Nation.

For if we look back to the most flourishing Maritime Potentates of old, as *Tyre*, *Athens*, *Carthage*, or even *Rome* itself, when in her most flourishing State, we shall find them fall so very short of Your Majesty's Naval Strength, as not to admit of any Comparison; and among the Moderns, which of them is there that it doth not greatly exceed?

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So vast indeed is that Part of Your Majesty's Power, that were it possible for you, Sir, to be influenced by other Principles than those of the most consummate Justice, and of being actuated by the lawless Desire of Universal Sway, instead of a generous Love of Liberty, and a noble Ambition of Patronising it throughout the World, and *Britain* should, under Your Majesty's Influence, launch forth her utmost Strength on the Seas, what Alliances could be entered into, what Confederacies formed, sufficient to withstand so mighty a Force?

But You, Sir, serenely content with those Dominions which Heaven, and the Consent of willing Nations have called you to Rule, far from disturbing *Europe* with such Pursuits, are only watchful for its Repose, and employ that awful Strength you are possessed of to no other purpose, than to preserve such a Ballance among its Princes as is absolutely necessary to its Peace, and reduce to Reason those who, by their boundless Ambition, would involve it in War and Desolation: So that, in Your Majesty's Hands, this Power resembles that which is invested in a ministering Angel over the Elements, who doth not make use of it to lay waste the World, and destroy Mankind at pleasure, but to procure the Good of the Whole, by the Punishment of particular Nations that are guilty; which yet he forbears to inflict, unless repeated Provocations force him, unwillingly, thereunto.

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And as Your Majesty doth thus piously endeavour to establish a lasting Tranquillity among others, so is Your Tenderness towards Your own Subjects without Example ; inso-much that it hath been abundantly extended even to those who, regardless of their Duty to God, and You their rightful Sovereign, were unhappily wrought upon to appear openly in Arms against Your Royal Person and Government.

Long may Your Majesty preside, in this Your high Station, over the Interests of *Europe*, and when late, very late, You shall cease to labour here on Earth, not only for the Happiness of the People of these Your Kingdoms, but the Universal Good of Mankind, and ascend to the Possession of an Immortal Crown, may that You leave behind flourish for ever on the Heads of Your Illustrious Offspring. Which is the ardent Prayer of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most Dutiful,

and most Obedient

Subject and Servant,

J. Burchett.



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ALTHOUGH I might very reasonably have been excused from the trouble of any part of the following Work, since the publick Station I am honoured with hath called for the much greater part of my Time, yet when I considered that the Transactions of our Nation on the Seas, during the two long and expensive Wars with *France*, were Matters very worthy as well to be more universally known to the present Age, as to be communicated to Posterity, and that I was furnished with Materials for such an Undertaking which could not be in the Possession of any other Person, I have imposed on my self that Task, and, in the Performance thereof, borrowed many of those Hours which were no more than necessary for the Preservation of my Health.

*Reasons for
undertaking
the Work.*

What happened remarkable at Sea between us and the *French* during the first of the aforementioned Wars, I published some Years since; but upon reviewing the same, when I set about writing an Account of the last War, I thought it might not be improper to put them together; and though the material Circumstances of the former, as being Matters of Fact, vary but very little from what hath been already written thereof, yet is it now put into such a Dress, and such Amendments have been made therein, as, it is to be hoped, may render it much more agreeable to the Reader.

When I had completed these two Parts, which compose the Fourth and Fifth Books of the ensuing History, I began to reflect that, among the numerous Subjects which have been treated in
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the *English* Tongue, (wherein scarce any in any part of Learning hath been left untouched) no one hath hitherto undertaken to collect somewhat of a *Naval History*, or general Account of Wars on the Sea; whereof both ancient and modern Times have been so productive, that I know not any Subject which affords more ample Circumstances. And this I the rather admired at, for that, about fourscore Years since, there were published in *Latin* two such Histories as I have mentioned, the one written by our Countryman Dr. *Ryves*, Advocate to King *Charles* the First, and the other by *Morifotus*, a *French* Lawyer, which, however, have escaped the Diligence of our Translators, who very often search into all Languages for Matters not altogether so worthy their Trouble as these would have been. But since no such Account hath ever appeared in our Tongue, I judged it would be a Subject not unacceptable, should I set my self about a Work of that Nature, and deduce a Narrative of the most remarkable Naval Wars, and Maritime Transactions, which have happened from the first Use of Shipping to the time of the Revolution, where the Account I had already written begun; and accordingly I have endeavoured to perform it in the three first Books of the following Work.

The first of the before-mentioned Authors published what he had written in several Parts, and at different Times, but I do not find he carried it farther than the Year 960, when King *Edgar* reigned in *England*. The other, indeed, brought it down to his own Time, *viz.* the Year 1642.

These two learned Men having gone before me on this Subject, it would have been Presumption not to have made use of their Labours; so that wheresoever it was found necessary, or for the Advantage of the Reader, a liberty hath been taken of following them, yet not so closely, but that, upon consulting thoroughly the Originals from whence they drew their Materials, many Mistakes have been rectified which their Inadvertency had led them into, especially that of the *French* Gentleman, notwithstanding his Publisher assures us that the Work had passed the Revision of two great Criticks, appointed by Cardinal *Richelieu*, besides that of several other learned Men.

They have both of them, but chiefly *Morifotus*, been guilty, in some places, of handling too lightly Matters of Importance, and in dwelling too long on things of less Note, which Errors I have endeavoured to avoid, especially the former.

Those things I have been the most particular in (but without fear of the last mentioned Imputation) are, among the Ancients, the Naval Events of the *Peloponnesian* War, from *Thucydides*; the Siege of *Tyre* by *Alexander the Great*, from *Curtius* and *Arrian*; the Battel, off of *Cyprus*, between *Demetrius* and *Ptolemy*, with the former's War on the *Rhodians*, from *Diodorus Siculus*; the Sea-fight between the *Romans* and *Carthaginians*, in the first *Punic* War, off of *Heraclea Minoa*, (which I esteem the most accurate Relation, of that kind, extant in all Antiquity)

Authors, among others, who have been consulted.

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from *Polybius*; *Caesar's Expedition to Britain*, from his own Commentaries; and the Battel of *Aetium*, from *Dion. Cassius*. And, among the Moderns, the Battel of *Lipanto*, from *Contrariini* and *Gratiani*; the great Exploits on the *Scheld* between the Duke of *Parma* and the People of *Antwerp*, from *Famian Strada*; the *Spanish Invasion* from *Mr. Cambden*; and the Duke of *Buckingham's Expedition to the Isle of Rbé*, from a Manuscript Journal, which, since the Loss of a very curious one I had in my Possession, was, on my publishing an Advertisement concerning the same, kindly communicated to me by a Reverend Divine of *Cambridge*. Most of which Affairs, besides very many others, have been either superficially run over, or else left entirely untouched, by *Dr. Ryves* and *Morissetus*.

The before-mentioned Authors are those to whom the most Obligations have been owing; but as the handling so general a Subject must unavoidably have requir'd the making use of many more, besides other necessary Assistances, I might here present the Reader with a long Catalogue of them, and have filled my Margin with Quotations, which, in my opinion, tend more to Ostentation, than any real good purpose; not but that in some particular Cases their Names are mentioned in the Narration. I shall therefore only acquaint you, that, in the first three Books, the same liberty as before-mentioned hath been taken with the rest of the Authors there hath been occasion to consult, nay often their very Words have been followed; and where any of the Ancients have been well turned into our own Tongue, as particularly *Polybius* and *Justin*, seeing it could not be pretended to fet them in a better Light than the ingenious Gentlemen who last translated them have done, their Version hath, in a great measure, been observed.

As most Princes, and States, whose Dominions have bordered on the Sea, did, more or less, even in early Ages, furnish themselves with Shipping, as well for the Defence of their Coasts and Traffick, as to extend their Conquests; so have they, from time to time, augmented their Naval Force, in proportion to what they found others do who were nearest Neighbours to them. Thus *Rome*, when she was much annoyed by the *Carthaginians*, deemed it absolutely necessary to prepare a floating Power to repel them, between whom many bloody Battels were fought, as had been before, when the *Athenians* and *Lacedaemonians* contended, and since between other States and Potentates.

The Tyrants of *Sicily* have been famous for their Fleets, but more especially those of *Syracuse*. There were often Naval Battels between the Republicks of *Venice*, *Genoa*, *Pisa*, and others, but more especially the former and the Turks. The *Saracens* with their Fleets encountered the Christians when they attempted to recover the Holy Island; and the Governments of *Algier*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoli* have for a long time had their Ships of War; nay even the Emperor of *Morocco* wanteth not his Rovers, which frequently have molested the Trading Subjects of other Princes.

As

*Of Fleets in
ancient Times.*

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As the Kings of *England* thought it necessary, from time to time, to encrease their Maritime Strength, the *French*, and the States-General of the United Provinces have augmented theirs, especially in latter Days; but of those Princes, or Governments, who have been most formidable at Sea, from the remotest Times of Navigation, I shall be as particular as possible in the ensuing History, and will therefore confine my self in this Preface to what doth more immediately relate to the Royal Navy of *Great Britain*.

On what Services the Ships of the English Navy have been employed in the two last Wars.

Various have the Services been which necessarily required the Use of our Fleets, and Squadrons, but more especially in Times of so great Action as the two last Wars. Many of our Royal Ships have been employed in the *Mediterranean* Sea, not only to protect the *Spanish* Monarchy from the Attempts of the *French*, but afterwards to assist in establishing his present Imperial Majesty on the Throne of that Kingdom, when *Great Britain*, together with her Allies, maintained, at an incredible Expence, as well of Treasure as Blood, a long War not only with the *French* King, but with that part of *Spain* also which adhered to the Interest of his Grandson *Philip*, who is now in Possession of the Crown.

The Expence of the Fleet of England in time of War

While great part of our Warlike Ships were thus ranging about the *Mediterranean*, no small Numbers have been employed in the *British* Chanel, as well as on the Coasts of *America*, *Portugal*, and other foreign Parts: Besides which, others were, at the same time, made use of in convoying our Trade to *Turky*, *Newfoundland*, *Russia*, the *Baltick* Sea, and to our remote Governments and Plantations, insomuch that the Ships of War of *Great Britain* have been constantly traversing not only our own, but almost all the other known Seas, so that the Number of Officers, and Men established on them, have sometimes amounted to Fifty Thousand, the Expence whereof (supposing them to be continued in Service thirteen Lunary Months) for Wages, and Victuals, together with the Wear and Tear of the Ships, the former and latter being commonly estimated at thirty Shillings a Man a Month each, and the other at twenty, amounts to two Millions, six hundred thousand Pounds; not but that, as Circumstances of Affairs would admit thereof, divers of the Ships have from time to time been paid off, and laid up in the several Harbours, for easing, as much as might be, this very great Charge. And, besides what may be absolutely necessary for the many other pressing Affairs of the State, if sufficient Sums of Money could be hereafter provided, for the timely paying off the Officers and Men of such Ships whose immediate Service may be dispensed with, or whose Conditions are such as to require considerable Repairs before they can be longer employed, the Expence of the Government would in that Particular be very much lessened.

The necessity of Supplies of Money to pay off Ships, for easing the publick Charge.

Although this Nation hath been, even in remote Times, famous for its Strength at Sea, were it to be compared with that
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of other Princes and States; yet could we look back, and view those Shipping which were heretofore made use of in our Maritime Wars, what a vast Disproportion would there appear between them and those which composed our Royal Navies two Centuries past, (I mean not as to the Number of the Ships and Vessels, but their Magnitude) and much more so, were they to be compared with our present floating Castles?

King *Edward* the Third, when he crossed the Seas in order to lay siege to *Calais*, had indeed a very great Number of Ships, but most of them were furnished by the Sea-Port Towns of the Kingdom, and some from *Spain, Ireland, Flanders*, and other Parts.

*Comparison of
our present
Navy with
those of former
Times.*

The whole Number, as it appears by a Record in the famous *Cottonian* Library, amounted to seven hundred thirty eight, and the Mariners on board them to fourteen thousand nine hundred fifty six, each of whom were allowed after the Rate of *ad per Diem*; but of these there were no more than twenty five Ships of the King's own, carrying about four hundred and nineteen Seamen, which, at a Medium, was not above seventeen to each; and throughout the whole, taking one with another, there were not many that had above twenty six Men; not but that those which were furnished by the Maritime Ports were larger than the King's own Ships, especially those of *London, Sandwich, Dover, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Bristol, Southampton, Newcastle, Lynn, Yarmouth, Harwich, Ipswich, and Colchester*. But besides the Mariners, there were transported in this Fleet the Land-Forces which his Majesty had occasion to take with him for carrying on the aforesaid Siege of *Calais*.

From this it may be gathered what the Maritime Power of this Nation was in those Times; for even then, before, and afterwards, the greatest part thereof was composed of Merchant-Ships furnished by the Sea-Ports; yet the Strength we could in those Days launch on the Salt Water was much superior to that of our Neighbours. But when our Princes, in After-Ages, turned their Thoughts towards providing, and establishing a Royal Navy, the same hath, by degrees, not only been much encreased in Number, but in the Magnitude of the Ships also; but more especially in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second; and in like manner the trading part of the Nation did from time to time very much encrease the Dimensions of their Shipping, insomuch that in the first of the aforementioned Wars with *France*, several of them were taken into the Publick Service, some of which were capable of carrying 70, 60, and 50 Guns. And that the Reader may be informed to what a prodigious Bulk the Navy of *Great Britain* is at this time swelled, I have underneath inserted the Number of Ships of which it is composed, with the Guns established on each of them, wherein there is not any regard had to Fireships, Bomb-Vessels, Storeships, Sloops, Yachts, Hoys, or other smaller Embarcations, which amount to no less than fifty.

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The Strength of the ROYAL NAVY.

	Guns	N ^o .	
Of —	100 —	7	}
	90 —	13	
	80 —	16	
	70 —	23	
	60 —	19	
	50 —	47	
	40 —	23	
	30 —	9	
	20 —	25	
	182		

125 of the Line of Battel.

The Strength of the Royal Navy of Great Britain.

Which 182 Ships will require 994⁰ Guns, exclusive of those necessary for others of less Dimensions.

Thus hath the Navy of *Great Britain* encreased, and that very considerably too, since the Year 1573, at which time it stood thus, *viz.*

	Guns.	N ^o .	
Of —	100 —	1	}
From —	88 to 60 —	9	
From —	58 to 40 —	49	
From —	38 to 20 —	58	
From —	18 to 6 —	29	
	146		

59 of the Line of Battel, as they might be reckoned in those Days.

What our Navy was in 1573.

Great care ought to be taken of the Ships while in Harbour.

Most of the Ships of our present Royal Navy, especially those of the larger Rates, being, in time of Peace, laid up at the several Ports, the greatest part of them at *Chatham* and *Portsmouth*, and others at *Deptford*, *Woolwich*, *Sheerness*, and *Plimouth*, it is of the utmost Importance that all possible care should be taken for their Safety in all Particulars, but more especially that the Places where they are thus harboured, and principally the River *Medway*, and *Portsmouth*, should be always kept in such Condition of Defence as that they may be secure from any Attempts of an Enemy.

Care ought to be taken in preserving Timber.

And since these our floating Bulwarks are, like other Machines, subject to decay, how absolutely necessary is it that the utmost care should be taken in the keeping their Hulls in a constant good Condition? The like regard should also be had to the Preservation and Well-husbanding not only that useful Timber which the Nation now affordeth (especially that of Compass and Knee) for building Ships, but in having constant Nurseries thereof, toward supplying what may from time to time be expended. Nor

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is it of less Importance that greatest care should be taken of the publick Woods abroad, but more especially of those large and valuable Trees in and about *New England*, most proper for Masting Ships of the greatest Magnitude.

Having thus informed you of the Strength of our Royal Navy, it may not be improper to add thereunto the following Account of the Charge of building a Ship of each Rate, and furnishing her with Masts, Yards, Sails, and Rigging, together with a Proportion of eight Months Boatwain's and Carpenter's Sea-Stores, as near as the same can be estimated, *viz.*

	Guns.	—	l.
For a Ship of —	100	—	35553
	90	—	29886
	80	—	23638
	70	—	17785
	60	—	14197
	50	—	10606
	40	—	7558
	30	—	5846
	20	—	3710

The Charge of building a Ship of each Rate.

Thus, according to the Number of Ships we have of the aforesaid Rates, the Charge of Building, Rigging, and furnishing them with Stores, as aforesaid, amounts to 2511975*l.* besides which, there is the Expence of their Ordnance, and Gunner's Stores.

And here it may be observed, that supposing forty thousand Men, Officers included, are employed at Sea one whole Year, or thirteen Lunary Months, the Charge thereof, accounting each of them one with another, at 4*l.* a Month, (which is for Wages, Victuals, and the Wear and Tear of the Ships) is not above 431975*l.* less than what may be sufficient to build and rig as many Ships as *Great Britain* now hath, from the First to the Sixth Rate, inclusive, and to furnish them with Boatwain's and Carpenter's Stores; nor have I herein accounted for the Charge of Tenders, and other incident Expences towards the manning a Fleet.

Besides which there is the ordinary Expence of the Navy, in which is included the Salaries and Contingencies of all the Naval Officers on shore; the Charge of the Officers and Workmen employed in the Dock-Yards, and Rope-Yards; Moorings, and ordinary Repairs of the Ships while lying up in Harbour, with the Wages and Victuals of the Warrant-Officers and their Servants, and of the Men born on Ships of the largest Dimensions, together with Pensions to those Officers who are superannuated, and Half-Pays to others while unemployed, the Charge whereof is more or less, according to the Number of Men made use of at Sea; for as in time of great Action the ordinary Estimate of the Navy seldom amounts to more than 175000*l. per Annum*, so in Peace, supposing there are not above ten thousand Men in Pay,

The ordinary Expence of the Navy.

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it comes to near 225000*l.* for when fewest Ships are employed, the ordinary Expence of those lying up in Harbour doth consequently encrease proportionably, both as to the Wages and Victuals of the Warrant-Officers and Men born on them for their Security, their Moorings, necessary Repairs, and other Particulars.

The extraordinary Repairs of the Navy.

But over and above the Charge of the Ordinary of the Navy, there are other expensive Works necessarily to be performed, which are more properly termed the extraordinary Repairs thereof; and those are the rebuilding of Ships, and giving a good Repair to others lying up in Harbour; the building of Houses in the Yards for the Reception of Stores, when others are decayed, or shall not be found capable of containing them, and the repairing of Store-houses, Docks, Wharfs, Officers Houses, and several other Particulars, as well in the Dock-Yards as Rope-Yards, and the like extraordinary Expences as to the Office of Victualling His Majesty's Navy, both in Town, and at the several Ports.

Let us, in the next Place, consider how this our Royal Navy may be rendered most useful to the Nation, for if every Circumstance be not timely, and effectually provided for, so as that the Ships, or a sufficient Number of them, at least, may be always in a Readiness, upon any pressing occasion, the publick Service must inevitably suffer.

The Magazines ought to be replenished.

In the first Place, therefore, it is absolutely necessary that the Naval Magazines should be constantly kept well replenished with Timber, Plank, Cordage, Hemp, Tar, and all other Things proper for equipping forth a Royal Fleet, at least with such Species as are not the most liable to decay.

Care ought to be taken in the well fitting Ships.

It is likewise no less necessary that the Master-Builders at the Dock-Yards, and those Officers employed under them, should carefully, and conscientiously apply themselves towards the well fitting His Majesty's Ships, when there shall be occasion for their Service, as well as in the giving them proper Airings and Repairs while they lie at their Moorings in Harbour; nor ought they to be less careful when any Ships return into Port, in order to their being refitted; for it is demonstrable that, where the same is well performed, such Ship will be capable of doing the Government twice as much Service as another possibly can, which is hurried out of Port without being thoroughly searched into, since, in such case, she must necessarily come sooner in, and will, doubtless, require much more time, as well as Expence, to put her into a good Condition, than it might have done, had her chief Ailments been at first remedied.

I say it highly behoves the Master Shipwrights, and the proper Officers under them, to be very circumspect in these Particulars; and though it must be owned that in times of great Action, when the Pressingness of the Service requires the utmost Dispatch in the putting Ships into the Sea, there cannot be so much time allowed as may be necessary for making a thorough Search

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Search into the Defects of those which are fitting out, or others coming into Port to be refitted, yet as, in the first Case, all possible care should be taken to inspect into, and repair their chief Ailments while they lie in Harbour, (I mean such as, if not timely taken in hand, may soon render them in a worse Condition) so, in the latter, the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships, and the subordinate Officers, but more especially the Master Carpenters, ought carefully to inform themselves of the Complaints they make while at Sea, that so they may be able to acquaint the Master Shipwrights of the same, and they to apply proper Remedies; for, without these Precautions, a Ship may be sent out again with some slight Works done unto her, without discovering the principal Defects she complains of, and thereby be constrained, to the no small Disappointment of the Service, to return into Port, even in a worse Condition than when she departed from it, as hath been before observed.

It is no less incumbent on the Officers of the Dock-Yards, as well as those of the Rope-Yards, to see that the several Species of Stores, delivered into His Majesty's Magazines be, in all respects, answerable to the Contracts made with the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, whether the same be Canvas, Hemp, Tar, Cordage, Timber, Plank, or any other Species, and that the Rigging, Anchors, Cables, and all other Materials be well wrought up; for as the said Commissioners of the Navy, nay even the Surveyor himself, cannot personally inspect into all things necessary to be done to the Hulls of the Ships, so are they much less able to view the various sorts of Stores delivered into the several Yards, or to see that they are well husbanded; wherefore as this Trust doth more immediately lie in the Officers of the Yards, so ought they themselves, and not by their Instruments, if it can by any means be avoided, to look carefully thereinto, and rather to have a greater regard to the Good of the Publick, than if they were transacting Affairs for the Advantage of their own Families.

Care ought to be taken of the Goodness of the Stores

Nor ought there to be less Caution used by the proper Officers of the Yards in the converting of, and applying the respective Species of Stores to their necessary Uses, but more especially Timber and Plank; for if Care and Judgment go hand in hand therein, unnecessary Waste may be prevented, and thereby great Sums of Money saved.

Converting Timber, &c. to proper Uses.

Having said thus much relating to the Navy itself, let us, in the next Place, consider the Circumstances of the Seafaring Men of Great Britain; a Race of People, who, as they are the most valuable because the Fleets wherein they serve are our chief Defence, so, consequently, the greatest care ought to be taken to treat them in such manner as that it may encourage their Increase, and leave them as little room as possible for Complaints of Hardships.

Touching the Seafaring People of Great Britain.

I do heartily wish that some such Methods could be come at as might effectually contribute hereunto; for as they are a Body
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of brave People, subjected to greatest Dangers, not only from an Enemy, but on many other Accounts, so may they with good Usage be easily wrought upon, and induced, with uncommon Chearfulness, to look Death in the Face on all occasions; wherefore since they are so intrinsically valuable in themselves, all that is possible should be done towards rendering the Publick Service easy to them.

If some other Method, I say, could be found out to bring them into the Service of the Crown, when there shall be occasion, than that which hath for many Years been practised, of forcing great Numbers thereinto, as it would, doubtless, be much more agreeable, so might it induce Numbers of young People to betake themselves to a Seafaring Life, who now rather shew a total Dislike thereunto; but until such Methods can be luckily come at, either by a general Registry, which, besides the Encouragements, should carry with it some Penalties also, (for a voluntary one it hath been experienced will not answer the purpose) or some other way less grievous than Pressing, it may not be altogether improper to admonish Gentlemen who shall be hereafter employed in raising Men for the Fleet, to cause them to be treated with all possible Tenderness and Humanity, that so they may be induced with the greater Chearfulness to expose their Lives in the Service of their Prince, and Country, when they shall be brought to face an Enemy.

It must be acknowledged that no Seafaring People whatever have the like Advantages with those of *Great Britain*; more especially as to their Pay, and Provisions; and if some such Regulations could be made as might prevent their being imposed upon by their Landladies, as they themselves term them, and others who concern themselves in purchasing their Tickets at a most unreasonable Discount, the Service of the Crown might be yet much more comfortable to them and their Families.

The present Method of impressing Men for the Royal Navy, is not only attended with great Inconveniences to the Men themselves, but it also causes no small Interruption to Trade; for very often when there hath been occasion for considerable Numbers of Men to serve in the Fleet, it hath been found necessary to put almost a total Stop, for some time, to the proceeding of all outward-bound Merchant Ships and Vessels; whereas if some Measures could be taken, by a Registry, as aforesaid, or otherwise, so as to come at the certain Knowledge of every Seaman, or Scafaring Man in the Kingdom, together with their Ages and Descriptions, and that such an Account were from time to time kept compleat, as the same shall vary, either by Death, or other Circumstance, at a particular Office to be established for that purpose, the Lord High-Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing that Office, might not only be constantly informed what Numbers of such People are Inhabitants in the Nation, but an Account might likewise be kept, from time to time, which of them are employed as well in the Publick Service, as that of

*Abuses of
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and Ticket-
buyers.*

*The Incon-
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*Registry of
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the Merchants, and when they shall be discharged either from one or the other: Besides, it might be so provided for, that when such a Number of them have been employed a certain Time in the Service of the Crown, they should have Licence to enter themselves on board of Merchant Ships, and when they have so served a limited Time, be obliged to go on board the Ships of the Royal Navy, when there shall be occasion for them. Somewhat of this kind, if rightly set on foot, would be of singular Use, especially in time of War; for as the Government would not be put to Trouble and Expence; as now, in raising Seamen, so would not the Merchants be at a Loss for a sufficient Number at all Times to carry on their Trade. And in time of Peace, when the Crown will not have occasion for very considerable Numbers of Seamen, they may be more at liberty to employ themselves otherwise.

As this is a thing of such a Nature as to require no small Application to render it effectual, I have only hinted at it here; but if it shall at any time be judged proper to put it in Practice, and it shall please God to bless me with the Continuance of Life and Health, I will most readily contribute all I am able towards the establishing what, in my humble Opinion, may so much tend to the Good of my Country.

This being said with regard to the Seafaring People of the Nation, let us now consider, in as brief a manner as may be, somewhat of the OEconomy of the Navy, and what Officers are under the Direction of the Lord High-Admiral, with respect as well to the Military as the Civil Administration of his Office, and to set forth, as much as may be consistent with a Preface, the Nature of their several Employments.

*Relating to the
OEconomy of
the Navy.*

First then, That Officer who is next and immediately under the Lord High-Admiral, (I mean in his Military Capacity) is the Vice-Admiral of *Great Britain*, and next to him the Rear-Admiral, the annual Fee of the former being 469*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* and of the latter 369*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* Both these Officers are appointed by Commissions under the Great Seal, the former of whom at this time is *James Earl of Berkeley*, and the latter *Matthew Lord Aylmer*; but heretofore such Powers have been granted by the Lord High-Admiral, and also by the Commissioners for executing that Office.

*Vice, and Rear-
Admiral of
Great Britain.*

The Lord High-Admiral grants his Commission to such Person as His Majesty thinks fitting, by which he is appointed Admiral and Commander in Chief of the Fleet for the Expedition whereon it is designed; and he, when out of the *British Channel*, appoints all Officers, as Vacancies happen, either by Death, or otherwise, who at the end of the Expedition are confirmed by the Lord High-Admiral, or Commissioners of the Admiralty, in case there doth not appear any reasonable Objections thereunto.

*Admiral of
the Fleet.*

The Officer thus appointed to Command the Fleet is empowered by the Lord High-Admiral, or the Commissioners for managing

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Power to the Admiral of the Fleet and others to hold Courts Martial.

naging that Office, to hold Courts Martial, for trying Offenders, and, in the Absence of the Judge-Advocate of the Navy, or his Deputy, to appoint some Person to act as such. The same Power is also given to inferior Flag-Officers, who command Squadrons appointed for particular Services, to make Officers, and to hold Courts Martial, with this difference only, that if the Officer so commanding is a Vice-Admiral, he hath only a Warrant authorising him to hold such Courts, but if a Rear-Admiral, he hath a Commission appointing him Commander in Chief, as well as a Warrant for his so doing. Nay, in the Absence of a Flag-Officer, the Commander of a private Ship hath been empowered by Commission to hold such Courts, and directed by Warrant to try particular Cases, and Commanders junior to him required to assist thereat; but the Commission by which he is appointed Commander in Chief is limited to a certain Number of Days.

Lord High-Admiral empowered to act by Deputy.

The Lord High-Admirals being empowered by their Patents to execute the Duty of their Office either by themselves, or Deputies, they have heretofore, when employed themselves at Sea, (as the Duke of *Tork* did in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second) appointed such Persons as they deemed most proper to do their Duty at home, and required all subordinate Officers to be obedient to the Commands of those so deputed.

Principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy.

The principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy are appointed by particular Patents under the Great Seal; and when the King approves of any Person recommended, the Lord High-Admiral issues his Warrant to the Attorney General, in His Majesty's Name, to prepare a Bill, for the Royal Signature, to pass the Seals, constituting the said Person a principal Officer and Commissioner accordingly.

By the OEconomy of the Navy formerly, none other were esteemed principal Officers and Commissioners than the Treasurer, Comptroler, Surveyor, and Clerk of the Acts; but since the Revolution they have been all termed so in their Patents, not but that the four before-mentioned preside at the Board, and any three of the whole Number (the Treasurer excepted in Matters relating to Money) are a *Quorum*.

But the multiplicity of Business, especially during the two last Wars with *France*, made it absolutely necessary to add a considerable Number of Commissioners to assist the principal Officers, inasmuch that there was one particularly appointed to assist the Comptroler in that Branch of his Office which relates to the Treasurer's Accounts, another in those of the Stores, and a third for examining into the Accounts of the Victualling. There was also another Commissioner appointed for some time to assist the Clerk of the Acts, but that Officer hath been for several Years discontinued, and in his stead there is at this time an Assistant allowed only, at the Salary of 300*l. per Annum*.

There were also, during some part of the War, two Surveyors of the Navy, but there being at this time only one, an extraordinary Instrument is allowed him, with a Salary of 150*l. per Annum*;

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num; and in like manner upon reducing the Number of Commissioners of the Navy, (for in time of War there were several who had no particular Branches assigned them) an Assistant is allowed to the Comptroler of the Victualling Accounts, with a Salary of 300*l.* a Year; so that, besides the Treasurer, Comptroler, Surveyor, and Clerk of the Acts of the Navy, and the Comptrolers of the Treasurer's, Storekeeper's, and Victualling Accounts, there is but one more principal Officer and Commissioner at the Board, who, together with the said Comptroler of the Victualling Accounts, (besides their respective Duties as Commissioners) and another Gentleman added to them, (who hath not the Title of a Commissioner of the Navy) are appointed to manage the Business of sick and hurt Seamen, as well as that of Prisoners at War, and Transportation of Forces, which in time of great Action were performed by particular Commissions.

Besides the aforementioned principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy residing in Town, there is one who has his Residence at *Chatham*, another at *Portsmouth*, and a third at *Plsmouth*, whose Business is more immediately to inspect into the Affairs of the Yards there, and the Conduct of the Officers belonging thereunto; but, when in Town, they have the same Right of sitting and acting at the Board as any the other Members thereof.

*Commissioners
residing at the
Dock-Yards.*

There are also, under the Direction of the Lord High-Admiral, Commissioners for managing the Affairs of Victualling His Majesty's Navy, who are constituted by a joint Commission, by virtue of a Warrant from the Office of the Lord High-Admiral, in the King's Name, to the Attorney General, authorising him to prepare a Bill to pass the Seals, in the same manner as for the Patents to the principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy; and as the Officers of the respective Dock-Yards and Rope-Yards are (under the Lord High-Admiral) more immediately subject to the Inspection and Directions of the Navy Board, so have the said Commissioners of the Victualling Officers under them at the principal Ports, as well as Agents abroad, when the Service requires the same.

*Commissioners
for Victualling
the Navy.*

The Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, who is Lieutenant, as well as Council to the Lord High-Admiral, in all Matters relating to the Civil Law, is appointed by his Warrant to be his Advocate in the said Court, by which he is directed to prepare a Bill, to pass the Seal thereof, constituting the Person, who shall be agreed on, Judge of the said High Court of Admiralty, in which Employment the said Officer is generally confirmed by a Patent under the Great Seal of the Kingdom; and the Authority given to the said Judge by his Commission, or Patent, is as follows, *viz.*

*Judge of the
High Court of
Admiralty.*

1. To take Cognizance of, and determine all Causes whatever that are Civil and Maritime, *viz.* all Contracts, Offences, Complaints, &c. that do any ways concern Shipping; as also

so Injuries, Extortions, and all Civil and Maritime Dealings whatsoever, between Merchants and Owners of Ships; or Vessels employed within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of *England*, or between any other Persons had, committed, or contracted, not only upon the Sea, or in publick Rivers, but also in fresh Waters, Rivulets, Havens, Creeks, and all Places overflowed, and within the Flux and Reflux of the Sea, or high Tide of the fresh Waters; as also on the Shores or Banks of the same, below the first Bridge towards the Sea, within the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, or in any other Places beyond the Seas.

2. To receive Appeals from inferior Courts of Admiralty, and to inhibit their Proceedings in Causes depending before him.
3. To arrest Ship, Persons, and Goods, in Cases of Debt, or other Forfeitures, provided the Persons and Goods be found within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty.
4. To enquire, by Oath of honest and lawful Men, into all things which by the Laws or Customs of the Court used to be enquired into; and to punish, fine, or imprison Contemners of his Jurisdiction, according to the Laws and Customs of the Admiralty, or the Statutes of the Realm.
5. To look after the Conservation of the publick Rivers, Rivulets, Havens, and Creeks within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty, as well for the Preservation of the Navy, as other Ships, and also of the Fish; and to punish such as make use of Nets which are too narrow, or other unlawful Engines, or Instruments for Fishing.
6. To judge and determine of Wrecks at Sea, and also of dead Bodies found within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty, according to the Statute concerning Wrecks, and of the Office of a Coroner, made in the third and fourth Years of *Edward* the First, and the Statute about Goods coming to *England* being plundered at Sea, in the twenty seventh Year of *Edward* the Third.
7. To judge of Cases of *Maim*, (*i. e.* *Maim*, or Loss of Limb) and to punish the Delinquents.
8. To depute and surrogate a Substitute, or Substitutes, and to revoke all such Deputations at pleasure, and to hold his Place *quam diu se bene gesserit*.

Inferior Officers in the High Court of Admiralty.

Judge Advocate of the Navy, and his Deputy.

The Lord High-Admiral hath also an Advocate in the said High Court of Admiralty; and as the King hath also an Advocate General therein, so hath the High-Admiral a Proctor; besides whom there is a Register, and a Marshal.

The Lord High-Admiral doth, by his Commission, appoint a Judge Advocate of the Navy, for the more regular holding Courts Martial, and trying Offenders; and the said Judge Advocate hath a Deputy, to assist him in the Execution of the Business of his

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his Office, who is appointed in the same manner.

There is likewise a Councillor for the Affairs of the Admiralty and Navy, as to Matters relating to the Common Law, to whom the Lord High-Admiral, or the Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Navy Board refer such Matters as are proper for his Consideration and Advice; and the said Councillor is allowed an Assistant, who solicits, and manages, by Directions from the Admiralty and Navy Boards, all things relating to those Offices respectively, which are proper for his Cognizance.

Councillor to the Admiralty and Navy, and his Assistant.

As the Lord High-Admiral is the principal Wheel by which all Matters relating to the Royal Navy have their Motion, so are the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy next and immediately under him, I mean as to what relates more particularly to the OEconomy thereof on shore. To them he issues his Orders for the building, repairing, fitting out, and paying off, and laying up in Harbour His Majesty's Ships; and as to the Victualling the Ships in Sea Pay, from time to time, they do, in pursuance of his Orders, send Directions to the Commissioners particularly appointed to manage that Branch of the Navy.

Lord High-Admiral directs, the building Ships, &c.

Towards the end of each Year, the Lord High-Admiral doth, by his Memorial to the King in Council, humbly pray His Majesty to declare the Number of Men necessary to be employed in his Service at Sea the next Year, which being done, Estimates are prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, for his Royal Confirmation, of the Charge of their Wages, and Victuals, and of the Wear and Tear of the Ships wherein they may be employed; and the Navy Board are directed by the Lord High-Admiral to consider, and propose to him how, in their opinion, and that of the Commissioners for Victualling the Navy, the Provisions for the said Men may be most properly distributed at the several Ports, which being approved of, Directions are sent to the said Commissioners of the Navy accordingly, and by them to the Commissioners for Victualling.

Lord High-Admiral moves the the Crown for a Declaration of the Number of Seamen each Year.

The Lord High-Admiral doth also, by Letter to the Master-General of the Ordnance, desire him to cause Guns, and Gunner's Stores to be put on board His Majesty's Ships which are from time to time ordered to be fitted out for Service, and for the taking them on shore again, and placing them in His Majesty's Magazines, when such Ships are ordered to be discharged from farther Service; and the like he doth when any Ships come into Port to be refitted.

Ships are supplied with Guns, &c. by Letter from the Lord High-Admiral to the Master of the Ordnance.

The Lord High-Admiral doth by his Warrants to the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, direct them to cause all Officers to be entered in His Majesty's Dock-Yards and Rope-Yards, as also all standing Officers on board His Majesty's Ships, such as Purfers, Gunners, Boatswains, and Carpenters; but the Masters, Chyrurgeons, and Cooks are, by the Authority they have received from the Lord High-Admiral, appointed by their own peculiar Warrants. And as to all Flag-Officers, Captains,

In what manner Offices of the Yards and Ships are appointed.

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and Lieutenants, they are commission'd by the High-Admiral, or Commissioners of the Admiralty, without passing through the Hands of the Navy Board; and the Chaplains, Volunteers, and Schoolmasters of Ships, are immediately appointed by the Lord High-Admiral, or Commissioners of the Admiralty, by Warrants directed to the Captains of the said Ships, as are Midshipmen extraordinary, but no Person is admitted as such, who hath not before served as a Lieutenant.

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form any con-
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without the
High-Admiral's Appre-
hation.*

*Vice-Admirals at home
and abroad.*

Both the principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy, and the Commissioners for Victualling, have Power from the Crown to make Contracts for all Naval Stores and Provisions necessary for the Publick Service. But since the enumerating the several Branches of the Instructions to one and the other, together with those to the Officers of the Dock-Yards, Rope-Yards, &c. would be a Work much too large for a Preface, I shall only touch on one thing more relating to this Head, which is, that before either of those Boards give Orders for the Performance of any considerable Work, or Buildings, they prepare, and lay before the Lord High-Admiral, or Commissioners of the Admiralty, Estimates of what the Charge of such Works may probably amount unto, and if the same are approved of, Orders are issued for their being performed accordingly.

The Lord High-Admiral also appoints his Vice-Admirals as well in the Maritime Countries of these Kingdoms, as in His Majesty's foreign Governments and Plantations, and this by Warrants to the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty to issue Commissions under the Great Seal of the said Court, by which they are empowered, I mean the Vice-Admiral abroad,

*Powers given
to a Vice-Admiral.*

1. To proceed on, and determine (with the Assistance of the Judge of the Admiralty, who with the Registers, and Marshals, are appointed by the Lord High-Admiral) all Civil and Maritime Causes.
2. To make Enquiry into, by a Jury, according to ancient Laws and Customs, the Goods and Chattels of all Traitors, Pirates, Murderers, and Felons, trespassing within the Jurisdiction of their Vice-Admiralties, together with the Goods, Debts, and Chattels of their Accessories and Accomplices, and of Felons *de Sea*, Fugitives convict, attainted, excommunicated, and out-lawed: But such Goods and Chattels of Pirates ought not to be proceeded against and condemned, until they have been in the Possession of the High Court of Admiralty, or the Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad, for the space of one Year and a Day, which time is allowed to such Persons who pretend a Right to them to put in their Claims.
3. To enquire into all Goods of Ships that are *Flotsom*, *Jetson*, or *Lagon*, and all Shares, Treasure found, and to be found, and *Deodands*; and also all Goods found in the Seas, Shores, Creeks, and within the fresh Waters, on Places overflowed by the Sea.

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4. To inspect into Anchorage and Ballastage, as also all Royal Fishes, such as Sturgeons, Whales, Porpusses, Dolphins, Grampusses, and, in general, all large Fishes, and to hear, and determine in the same, either by themselves, their Lieutenants, or Deputies, and to levy, collect, and preserve whatever is adjudged, mulcted, or forfeited, for the Use of the King, (when those things are reserved by the Crown to its own Disposal) or the Lord High-Admiral.
5. To arrest Ships, Goods, and Persons within the Jurisdiction of their Vice-Admiralties, according as the case shall require, and conformable to the Maritime and Civil Laws, upon any Applications, or Complaints that shall be made to them; and to compel Persons to appear, and answer in their Courts, and to punish, mulct, or imprison those who refuse so to appear.
6. To put in Execution all Laws, Orders, and Customs for the Preservation of the Ports, Rivers, and Fishes within the District of their Vice-Admiralties.
7. To take away all Nets that are too scanty, and all unlawful Engines and Instruments for catching Fish, and to punish those who use them.
8. To proceed in Judgment on Bodies found dead on the Water, and to appoint Deputies, and other Officers, for the better inspecting into, and management of the Matters committed to their Charge; with a Proviso that nothing shall infringe the Rights of the High Court of Admiralty of this Kingdom, and any Person, or Persons, who shall think themselves aggrieved by the Sentence of their Court, their appealing to the aforesaid High Court of Admiralty.
9. They hold their Places, as Vice-Admirals, with all the Profits and Perquisites belonging thereunto, during pleasure; and they are enjoined to transmit in every Year, if demanded, between the Feasts of St. *Michael* the Arch-Angel, and All-Saints, an exact Account of all their Proceedings, and of what doth remain in their Hands, pursuant to the aforesaid Directions in their Commissions, which, in default thereof, are to become void, as those are also to the Vice-Admirals at home.

And since several Disputes formerly happened between the Vice-Admirals, and the Judges of the said Courts, in relation to their respective Authorities, the late King *James*, when Lord High-Admiral, in the Reign of his Brother, determined the same in the manner following.

1. That the Vice-Admiral (as he is authorized by his Patent) should proceed solely in the Exercise of Jurisdiction in the Matters following, *viz.*

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Disputes between the Vice-Admirals and the Judges of the Vice-Admiralties reconciled by the Duke of York, when High-Admiral.

To enquire *per sacramentum proborum & legalium hominum, de omnibus & singulis quæ de jure, statutis, ordinationibus, vel consuetudinibus, Curie Principalis, Admiralitatis Angliæ, ab antiquo inquiri solent vel deberent.* That is, of all and singular those Things which by the Law, Statutes, Ordinances, or Customs of the High Court of Admiralty of *England*, are, from ancient Times, wont, or ought to be enquired into upon the Oaths of good and lawful Men.

To take Possession, and have the Custody of all Goods wrecked, whether *Flotson, Jetson, or Lagon*, and all Goods of Felons and other Offenders forfeited or found in that Vice-Admiralty; as also of all pecuniary Mulcts, and Fines inflicted within the same, and the Forfeitures of all Recognizances, and all other Admiralty Droits and Perquisites, and to dispose of the same to the use of the Lord High-Admiral, giving him a particular Account thereof.

To use the Seal committed to his Custody in all Writs and Proceedings which concerned the Exercise of his Jurisdiction,

To receive the Profits of Anchorage, Lastage, and Ballasting of Ships with Sand within his Vice-Admiralty, if the same should not be especially granted to some other Person, and to be responsible for the same.

1. And as for the Power of the Judge, it was determined as follows;

That he should proceed alone in all Matters of Instance whatsoever between Party and Party; as to the giving Oaths to all Witnesses; to decree Compulsories against such as should refuse to appear; to grant Commissions for Examination of Parties, Principal and Witnesses; to take all manner of Recognizances before him, and, as need should require, to declare the same to be forfeited; and to order all such things as might be requisite to be decreed, and done, concerning any Suit or Matter depending in Court before him for the concluding thereof; and at last to give and pronounce Sentence definitive, as the Merits of the Cause should require.

That he, by Deputation from the Vice Admiral, should alone take Cognizance of, and determine all Contracts made beyond the Seas to be performed here, and of those which should be made here to be expedited beyond the Seas, and this, notwithstanding the Power thereof was particularly mentioned in the Patent to the Vice-Admiral.

That as to all Matters of Office (saving to the Vice-Admiral the Power to enquire *per sacramentum & legalium hominum de omnibus & singulis, &c.* before-mentioned, and

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and saving also to him the Collecting, and Custody of all those Things which belong to him by his Patent) the Judge should have Power to impose Fines upon Offenders, commit them to Prison for not Payment of those Fines; to examine, and commit any Person taken and apprehended upon Suspicion of Piracy, and to proceed to the Adjudication of Goods forfeited and confiscable (saving to the High Court of Admiralty the Right of proceeding against all such Ships and Goods for which any Person should put in his Claim there, and such, as being of very great Value, are there to be adjudged, as it hath always been accustomed) which are to be seized, and taken into Possession by the Vice-Admiral, who was to give Intimation thereof to the High Court of Admiralty, and, after Condemnation thereof, to dispose of the same, and to be accountable to the Lord High-Admiral, as directed by his Patent.

And that there might be a right Understanding between the Vice-Admiral and the Judge, (admitting the Exercise of the Judicial Proceeding in, and sentencing of all Causes depending in Court to belong only to the Judge, as aforesaid) the Vice-Admiral was at liberty, at his pleasure, at any time to sit with the Judge in Court, in regard he might oftentimes be especially concerned in some Matters of Office depending in the said Court, and that the appointment of the Courts successively should be with his Knowledge, and Approbation. And that if the Judge should not keep Courts, and do those things which are fitting to be done by his Place, the Vice-Admiral might then, or his Deputy, keep such Courts, and judge, and receive the Judge's accustomed Fees.

The Lord High-Admiral, having made these Regulations between the Vice Admirals and the Judges of those Courts, he thought it fitting also to establish certain Articles, and to enjoin the then Judge of the High Court of Admiralty strictly to comply therewith, that so due care might be taken in the administering of Justice, and that with dispatch, in regard the same was so absolutely necessary upon the Score not only of the Subjects of this Kingdom, but of those of its Allies also; which Articles were as follows, *viz.*

*Instructions
given by the
Duke of
York, when
High-Admiral,
to the
Judge of the
Admiralty.*

- a. That he should be very careful and intent in the preventing all Delays, and Subterfuges whatsoever in Judicial Proceedings, and, with particular Application, give all possible dispatch to Foreigners in their Suits, and to Seamen, serving in Merchant Ships about their Wages, especially when they should be found entangled with dilatory Exceptions, or Appeals.

- peals. And that if he found any Defects in the Constitution, or Abuses in the Practice of the Court, which could not be remedy'd otherwise than by His Majesty's Authority, he should, upon considering thereof with the Advocate to the Lord High-Admiral, represent the same to him, in order to the obtaining such farther Regulations as to His Majesty should be thought fitting.
2. That he should, as much as in him lay, preserve the Respect and Reverence that ought to be in a Court of Justice, where Foreigners, among others, might have frequent Applications to make, and effectually to repress all insolent Speeches, and indecent Behaviour, which could not but raise in the Apprehensions of Strangers both a Scorn to that Court, and a Prejudice to all the Judicial Proceedings in the Kingdom.
 3. That he should lay before him an exact Table of the Fees usually paid for any Monition, Warrant, Decree, Sentence, Instrument, Copy, Exemplification, or any other Act, or Thing whatsoever, payable to himself, as Judge, or to the Register, Marshal, or any other Person belonging to the Court, which Table was to be attested under the Hands of the Advocate and Proctor to the Lord High-Admiral, and those of the most ancient Practitioners in the High Court of Admiralty, that in case it should appear such Table had in it nothing differing from the Table approved by his Predecessors, Lords High-Admiral, he might confirm the same under his Hand and Seal, and take such farther Measures as might effectually restrain all Exactions, and Demands not justifiable by the said Table.
 4. To survey, with all possible Exactness, all the Records and Writings in the Possession of the Register of the Court, and, with the Advice of his Advocate, to cause them to be digested in such a Method, and deposited in such safe and convenient Places, as might best preserve them from Damage or Embezzlement. And that in every long Vacation he should set aside some time to visit the said Regiltry, with the Assistance of the Advocate and Proctor to the Lord High-Admiral, and to give Orders to the Register of the Court for the fair transcribing, and careful digetting the aforesaid Year's Records, so as that the same might be most ready, and most useful to Posterity.
 5. Once in every Year he was to call all the Vice-Admirals to account, on Oath, in the High Court of Admiralty, as had been accustomed, for such Droits and Perquisites as should have come the preceding Year into their Hands, and effectually to proceed to the pronouncing their Commissions void, in case any of the said Vice-Admirals should neglect, or refuse to give in their yearly Accounts at the time accustomed. Nor was he, in any case, to content himself with the Oaths of their Proctors, Solicitors, or Servants, unless it should

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should appear unto him that any of the said Vice-Admirals had exercised their Office by one or more Deputies, in which Case he was to admit of his or their Oaths, and of the Accounts so exhibited; provided the Court were satisfied that his or their Deputation was legal, sufficient, and not revoked at the time of his, or their accompting. And in case it should so happen that any of the said Vice-Admirals, or their Deputies, could not conveniently attend to give in his, or their Accounts personally in Court, he was then, with the Consent of the Advocate and Proctor to the Lord High-Admiral, to issue out a Commission, in the usual form, to such Persons of known Worth and Quality, as might receive their respective Oaths and Accounts in any convenient Place within their Jurisdictions.

Lately. He was to endeavour to inform himself, from the aforesaid Vice-Admirals, and by all other Methods in his Power, what Lords of Mannors, and what Corporations within their respective Jurisdictions, should either by Violence usurp, or, under Colour of Grant, or Prescription, challenge to themselves the Rights and Droits of the Admiral, and from time to time to acquaint him therewith, that due Course in Law might be taken to rescue the ancient Rights and Royalties of the Office from being altogether swallowed up by Encroachments, and Usurpations.

The aforementioned Powers delegated by the Lord High-Admiral to the Vice-Admirals, are much the same as those granted to him by the Crown, so far, I mean, as they relate to those particular Branches of his Office; and when the King doth not reserve to himself the Rights and Perquisites of Admiralty, the High-Admiral's Fee, or Salary, is no more than three hundred Marks a Year, which he receives out of the Exchequer; but when he doth not enjoy those Perquisites, his Salary is 700*l. per Annum*, which Perquisites are as follows, *viz.*

The Fee, and Salary of the Lord High-Admiral.

All Goods, Debts, and Chattels of Traitors, Pirates, Murthers, and Felons, and of their Accessaries and Accomplices; as also of all Felons *de se*, Fugitives, Convicts, attainted, excommunicated, and out-lawed Persons, within the Limits of his Jurisdiction.

The Perquisites of the Lord High-Admiral.

All Goods that are found on the Surface of the Sea, as also Jetson and Lagon, Treasures, Deodands, and Derelicts, together with all lost Goods, Merchandizes, and Chattels found in the Sea, or thrown out thereof; and all casual Goods found upon the Sea, or its Shore, Creeks, Coasts, or Sea-Ports; as also upon fresh Waters, Havens, publick Rivers, Rivulets, Creeks, or other Places overflowed, lying beneath the Flux and Restflux of the Sea, or Water at full Tide, or upon the Shores, or Banks of the same, from the first Bridge towards the Sea.

Also Anchorage of Foreign Ships upon the Sea, or in Havens or publick Rivers, or near the Shores, or Promontories of any of the same.

All Royal Fishes, *viz.* Sturgeons, Whales, Porpusses, Dolphins, and Grampusses; and, in general, all other Fishes of an enormous Thickness or Fatness, which have by ancient Right, or Custom, belonged to the Office of High-Admiral.

All Fines, Mulcts, Forfeitures, Amerciaments, Redemptions, and Recognizances whatsoever that are forfeited; and all pecuniary Punishments for Transgressions, Offence, Injuries, Extortions, Contempts, and all other Crimes whatsoever, inflicted, or to be inflicted in any Court of Admiralty.

Perquisites to the Lord High-Admiral discontinued.

These Perquisites, among others, were always enjoyed by the Lord High-Admirals, until the Year 1673, when the Duke of *York*, afterwards King *James* the Second, surrendring his Patent, King *Charles* the Second appointed several of the great Officers of State to execute the Employment, but with a very limited Power; for His Majesty reserved to himself the Disposall of all Employments, as well as the Droits of Admiralty, and the said Droits, or Perquisites, have continued in the Crown ever since; for when his Royal Highness Prince *George* of *Denmark* was appointed Lord-High-Admiral, and *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, both before and after him, although both one and the other had the Grant of all such Perquisites in their Patents, yet by Deeds of Gift they reinstated them in the Crown, and they have from time to time been applied towards defraying the publick Expences.

Other Perquisites to the Duke of *York*, when Lord High-Admiral.

I also find by the Records in the Office of Admiralty, that, besides the Perquisites mentioned in the Patent to the Prince of *Denmark*, King *James*, when Duke of *York*, and Lord High-Admiral, had several others annexed to his Office. For in the Year 1660 he rented out the publick Chains, by which Ships were moored in the River of *Thames*, to *Thomas Elliot* Esq; by a Lease of fourteen Years, at 600*l.* per Annum, the said *Elliot* obliging himself to keep them in good Repair.

His Royal Highness also rented out all Sea Weed, Minerals, Sand, Gravel, and Stone lying between high, and low Water Mark, over all *England* and *Wales*, the River of *Thames* excepted, at 400*l.* per Annum.

He had also a Duty on all Ferries on Navigable Rivers, or Arms of the Sea below the last Bridge; and in the Year 1665 he made a Grant of all the Ferries in *Ireland* to Sir *Maurice Berkeley*; and in former Times the Lord High-Admiral had Duties on Light-houses and Beacons.

He had likewise the one tenth part of all Merchant Ships, Vessels, and Goods taken from an Enemy, either by Ships of War, or Privateers, and appointed Commissioners to demand and recover

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recover the same, and his Advocate, and Proctor in the High Court of Admiralty to assist them therein.

As to the present Extent of the Jurisdiction of the Lord High-Admiral, or Commissioners for executing that Office, it is over *Great Britain, Ireland, and Wales*, with the Dominions and Islands of the same; as also *New England, New York, East and West Jerseys, Jamaica, Virginia, Barbadoes, St. Christopher's, Nevis, Monferat, Bermudas, and Antegoa in America, and Guinea, Biny, and Angola in Africa*, with the Islands and Dominions of the same; and all and singular other Plantations, Dominions, and Territories whatsoever in Parts beyond the Seas, in the Possession of any of His Majesty's Subjects.

Extent of the Lord High-Admiral's Jurisdiction.

When War is declared against any Prince, or State, the Lord High-Admiral, by his Memorial to the King in Council, prays that he will be pleased to direct the Advocate for the Office of High-Admiral in the Court of Admiralty, to prepare, and lay before His Majesty, for his Royal Approbation, the Draught of a Commission, authorising him the said Lord High-Admiral, to empower the High Court of Admiralty in the foreign Governments and Plantations, to take Cognizance of, and judicially proceed upon all, and all manner of Captures, Seifures, Prizes, and Reprizals of all Ships and Goods seifed, and to adjudge, and condemn the same, according to the Course of the Admiralty, and Law of Nations; as also all Ships and Goods liable to Confiscation, pursuant to the respective Treaties with His Majesty, and other Princes and States.

Relating to the Condemnation of Prizes at home and abroad.

The Lord High-Admiral also humbly desires His Majesty's Directions in Council to his Advocate General in the High Court of Admiralty, and to the Advocate to the Office of High-Admiral in the said Court, to prepare, and lay before His Majesty a Commission, authorising him the said Lord High-Admiral to issue forth Letters of Marque and Reprizals, to those he shall deem fitly qualified, to seize the Ships or Vessels belonging to the Prince against whom War is declared, his Vassals and Subjects, or any within his Countries and Dominions, and such other Ships, Vessels, and Goods as are, or shall be liable to Confiscation, pursuant to Treaties between His Majesty, and other Princes, States, and Potentates. And, by like Directions of the King in Council, the Lord High-Admiral's Advocate in the Court of Admiralty prepares, for his Royal Approbation, Instructions to Commanders of Merchant Ships to whom such Letters of Marque, or Reprizals shall be granted, the Substance of which Instructions are as follows, *viz.*

Relating to Letters of Marque, or Reprizals.

1. They are empowered to seize all Ships of War, and other Vessels whatsoever, as also the Goods, Merchandizes, Vassals, and Subjects of the Prince, or State against whom War shall be declared; as also all other Ships and Vessels that may have contraband Goods on board; but to take care that not any Hostilities be committed, nor Prize taken,

Instructions to the Commanders of private Ships of War.

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- within the Harbours of Princes and States in Amity with his Majesty, or in Rivers, or Roads within the reach of their Cannon.
2. To bring such Prizes as they take either to some part of this Kingdom, or to carry them to any of his Majesty's foreign Colonies and Plantations, where there are Courts of Admiralty, as it may be most convenient for them, in order to their being legally adjudged. And here it may not be improper to observe, that there is no other Appeal from the said Courts of Admiralty abroad, with relation to Prizes, than to a Committee of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, particularly appointed to hear and determine therein.
 3. They are to produce before the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, or the Judges of the Admiralty Courts in the foreign Governments, three or four of the principal Persons who belonged to the Prize, that so they may be examined, and sworn, touching the Interest and Property of such Ships, Goods, and Merchandizes; as also to deliver to the Judge all Papers found on board such Prize, and to produce some Person who can make Oath that those Papers were actually found on board at the time of Capture.
 4. To take care that not any thing belonging to the Prize be embezzled, before Judgment be given in the High Court of Admiralty, or by the Courts abroad, that the said Ship, Goods, and Merchandizes are lawful Prize; and not to kill any Person belonging to such Ship in cold Blood, or to treat them otherwise than according to custom in such cases.
 5. They are forbid to attempt, or to do any thing against the true meaning of any Article, Articles, Treaty, or Treaties depending between the Crown of *Great Britain* and its Allies, or against the Subjects of such Allies.
 6. It is declared lawful for the Captors, after Condemnation, to sell, or dispose of such Prizes, with the Goods, and Merchandizes on board them, such only excepted as by Act of Parliament ought to be deposited for Exportation.
 7. They are required to aid and assist any Ship or Vessel of his Majesty's Subjects that may be attacked by the Enemy.
 8. Such Persons who shall serve on board Merchant Ships with Commissions of Marque or Reprizals, are in no wise to be reputed, or challenged as Offenders against the Laws of the Land.
 9. The Merchants or others, before their taking out such Commissions, are to deliver in Writing, under their Hands, to the Lord High-Admiral, or Commissioners for executing that Office, or the Lieutenant, or Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, an Account of the Name and Burthen of the Ship, with the Captain and Owner's Names, her Number of Guns, and Men, and for how long time she is Victualled.

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10. The Commanders of such Ships are to hold a constant Correspondence with the Secretary of the Admiralty, and to give an Account of the Designs or Motions of the Enemy's Ships, as far as they can discover, or be informed thereof, as also of their Merchant Ships and Vessels, and whether bound, either out, or home.
11. They are restrained from wearing the King's Colours, commonly called the Union Jack, and Pendant; but, besides the Colours born by Merchant Ships, they are allowed to wear a Pendant, together with a red Jack, with the Union Jack described in a Canton at the upper Corner thereof next the Staff.
12. They are required, upon due notice given them, to observe all such other Orders and Instructions as his Majesty shall think fit to direct.
13. It is also farther declared, that those who violate these Instructions shall be severely punished, and be obliged to make full Reparation to Persons injured.
14. Before Letters of Marque, or Reprizals are issued, it is required that Bail be given in the High Court of Admiralty, before the Judge thereof, in the Sum of 3000*l.* if the Ship carries about a hundred and fifty Men, and if a lesser Number 1500*l.* to make good any Damages that shall be done contrary to the Intent, and true Meaning of their Instructions, and (in case the whole of the Prizes is not given to the Captors) to cause to be paid to his Majesty, or such Person as shall be authorized to receive the same, the full tenth part of the Prizes, Goods, and Merchandizes, according as the same shall be appraised, as also such Customs as shall be due to the Crown.

When his Majesty in Council hath approved of the aforementioned Draught of Instructions, and Commissions, and that the latter have passed the Great Seal of the Kingdom, they are register'd in the High Court of Admiralty, and the Lord High-Admiral issues out Warrants to the Judge of the said Court, to grant Letters of Marque, or Reprizals, in his Majesty's Name, and his own, under the Great Seal of that Court, who annexes thereunto the proper Instructions, and takes Bail, as aforesaid.

The Lord High-Admiral doth also, by his Warrant, will and require the High Court of Admiralty, and the Lieutenant, and Judge of the said Court, as also the Courts of Admiralty abroad, to take Cognizance of, and judiciously proceed upon all, and all manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprizals of all Ships and Goods taken from the Enemy, and to adjudge and condemn all such Ships, Vessels, and Goods, whether taken by Ships of War, or those which have Letters of Marque or Reprizals; as also such other Ships, Vessels, or Goods, as may be liable to Confiscation, pursuant to the respective Treaties between his Majesty, and other Princes and States; and if the Crown doth

The Lord High-Admiral empowers the Courts of Admiralty to try Prizes.

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doth grant to the Captors the whole of the Prizes taken by them, a Declaration is issued, by which the Shares of the said Prizes is directed to be divided as follows, *viz.*

Shares of Prizes, when the Crown grants all to the Captors.

- To the Flag-Officer, when there is any such concerned in the Capture, $\frac{1}{4}$ th part of the whole, and to the Captain $\frac{1}{4}$ ^{ths}; but if there is not any Flag-Officer who hath a Right to a Share, then the Captain is to have _____ } $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{ths}.
- To the Maritime Captain, if any, Lieutenants of the Ship, and Master _____ } $\frac{1}{4}$ th.
- To the Marine Lieutenants, if any, Boatswain, Gunner, Carpenters, Masters, Mates, Chirurgeon, and Chaplain _____ } $\frac{1}{4}$ th.
- To the Midshipmen, Carpenter's Mates, Boatswain's Mates, Gunner's Mates, Corporal, Yeomen of the Sheats, Coxwain, Quarter-Master's Mates, Chirurgeon's Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, and the Serjeant of the Marines _____ } $\frac{1}{4}$ th.
- To the Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Coopers, Swabbers, Ordinary Trumpeters, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, Volunteers by Warrant, and Marine Soldiers, if any, _____ } $\frac{1}{4}$ ^{ths}.

And where there are no Marine Officers or Soldiers on board, the Officers and Soldiers of Land Companies, if any, have the like Allowance as is appointed for them. But in case any Officers are absent at the time of Capture, their Shares are to be cast into the last Article.

Vice-Admirals have no Authority over Captains of Ships of War.

I have before recited the Powers given to a Vice-Admiral of one of his Majesty's foreign Governments, by which some of them have been led into an Opinion that they are thereby invested with Authority to command, and controul all things done on the Seas within the limits of the said Vice-Admiralties, nay even to wear a Union, or Jack Flag (the same which is born by the Admiral of the Fleet) on board his Majesty's Ships appointed to attend thereon, and to displace the Officers of such Ships, and appoint others in their room: But far are they from having any such Authority; for, by the same parity of Reason, any Vice-Admiral of a Maritime County in *Great Britain* (their Powers being alike) may lay a Claim to the exercising Maritime Jurisdiction within the limits of his Vice-Admiralty, and of placing, and displacing Officers of Ships of War at his pleasure, when they happen to come within his reach.

Admiralty Jurisdiction obstructed & broad.

It is but too obvious how much the Jurisdiction of the Office of High-Admiral hath been infringed and obstructed in his Majesty's foreign Governments and Plantations, by some who have assumed to themselves an Authority which was never intended them,

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them, and is, indeed, inconsistent with the Nature of their Office, either as Governor or Vice-Admiral; and this little regard shewn to Admiralty Jurisdiction hath frequently occasioned no small Disorder and Confusion; for while the Governors endeavour to wrest the whole Authority to themselves, the Provincial Judges, under such Umbrage, very much perplex, if not entirely over-rule the Proceedings of the Courts of Admiralty; and till some effectual Methods shall be taken to restrain the Governors herein, there is but little hopes of such a good Harmony between them, the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships appointed to attend on their Governments, and the Officers of the Courts of Admiralty, as were to be wished, and is absolutely necessary.

This being said, let us, in the last Place, take notice of some Particulars relating to the Laws and Customs of the Sea, as far as the same do more immediately relate to our own Country.

*Relating to the
Laws and Customs of the
Sea.*

First then. As the Kings of *Great Britain* have an inherent Right in the Persons, and to the Service of their natural born Subjects, especially Mariners, and Seafaring People, so may they consequently restrain them from serving any foreign Prince or State, or by their Royal Proclamation recal them, when in such Service; for such Right would be to little purpose, were it not attended with means to compel; and the Lord High-Admiral, by virtue of the Authority he derives from the Crown, may, and doth require the Commanders of our Ships of War to demand such Seafaring Men from foreign Ships, and upon refusal, (which is a palpable Injury to the Prince whose Subjects they are) to take them by force. And as this is an undoubted Right of all Maritime Princes whatsoever, so hath it been a Custom of long Continuance.

*The King may
restrain Seamen from
serving other
Princes.*

2. The Right of searching Ships of a common Friend, and the taking Subjects, or Goods of an Enemy out of them, is a Matter which hath not hitherto been fully determined by the Law of Nations. The Party in Hostility alledges that, for his own Preservation, he hath a Right to seize the Persons and Goods of an Enemy, and that he ought not to be interrupted therein by a Neuter; whereas, on the other hand, the Neuter insists on a Liberty of Trade allowed by the Law of Nations, especially in carrying Goods not useful in War; and that Liberty would be, indeed, destroyed, if the Right to visit were made use of for committing Spoil and Rapine. But as the searching of Ships hath been often stipulated in Treaties, because otherwise it might occasion Disputes, and even War between Princes; so is there a Necessity for making such Provision, because the Variety of Cases cannot admit of any general Determination by the Law and Consent of Nations. But where there is not any

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Signification published by a Prince in War, restraining the Ships of another Prince, or State, their being employed in the Service of him with whom he is in actual Hostility, and thereby a Caution given to a Friend, there is no just reason for seizing the Goods, or Persons found on board such Neutral Ships, provided they are Freighters, or Passengers, and that the Loading is not Utensils of War, but the Goods of Merchants; for hereby the Pretence of the Safety of the States being concerned in it is excluded, which Safety is the principal reason of such Search; and this being secured, liberty of Trade hath been mutually permitted by Enemies, in regard of the common Benefit accruing therefrom to Mankind; insomuch that when Persons or Goods are seized in the manner before-mentioned, Satisfaction ought to be made to the Prince to whom the Persons so seized are Subjects.

Ships of a Neutral Prince may be detained.

3. Yet Ships belonging to the Subjects of a Neutral Prince may be detained by another in actual War, if they have Goods on board proper for the Service of that Prince, or State with whom he is in Hostility, in case the Masters of such Ships produce not Passes to shew that they are bound to the Port of an Ally. Nay, it is a received Opinion, that if upon failure of a legal Proof that they do actually belong to the Subjects of that Prince from whose Dominions they shall pretend to have come, they may, although actually bound to some Port of an Ally, as aforesaid, be proceeded against, and condemned as lawful Prize.

Transporting Powder, &c. to Infidels.

4. By the Civil, as well as Common Law, the transporting of Powder, or Warlike Instruments to Infidels, is prohibited; but yet those Laws are become void by common Usage and Practice; and although by the Statute of the 12th of King Charles the Second, the supplying Powder, Muskets, &c. is admitted to be lawful, by way of Merchandize, the Crown may, by virtue of that Statute, prohibit the same when there shall be a just, and necessary occasion so to do, and if taken, they are by the Law of Nations confiscable: Nay, even by Treaties between one Prince and another, Provision is made that no Warlike Implements shall be carried by Neutrals for the Supply either of one or other who are in actual War.

About Ships re-taken.

5. Admitting that *England* and *Holland* were in Confederacy against *France*, and a *Dutch* Ship to have been plundered, and afterwards left by the *French*, but recovered by some of the Subjects of *England*, and forcibly taken from them by those of the States-General, and being afterwards brought into some Port of *England*, is claimed by a Lord of a Mannor, in Right of his Royalty, such Ship is neither a Perquisite of Admiralty, nor doth she belong to the Lord of the Mannor, but ought to be restored, upon paying Salvage
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to the Persons who recovered her, by those who had the Property when seized by the *French*.

6. Although the Vice-Admirals of the Maritime Countries of *Great Britain* have a Power to take into their Possession all Ships and Vessels derelict, wrecked, or driven upon the Shores within their Districts, yet have they not any manner of Right or Interest to detain Prizes brought in by the Ships of War of this Kingdom, or by Ships which have private Commissions. And all Wrecks of the Sea are of the same Nature as Strays, Treasure-Trove, and Things found on the Land, which, if no rightful Owner appears to claim them in a Year and a Day, belong to the Crown, or such Person who derives from it. And here it may be observed, that ancient Records, beyond Memory, recite a Custom of dividing Wrecks, and all other Casualties, taken within the Precinct of Vice-Admirals, as follows, *viz.* " One Moiety " to the Lord High-Admiral; and in consideration that " Vice-Admirals had no Fees for holding their Courts, the " other half was divided thus. To the Vice-Admiral, Judge, " and Under-Officers two Parts, and the other to the Register and Marshal. These Casualties were, by order of " the Vice-Admiral, to be appraised, and sworn to by honest Men, and the said Vice-Admirals to transmit to the " Lord High-Admiral an Account thereof at *Lady-day* and " *Michaelmas* every Year.

Touching Wrecks of the Sea, &c.

How Wrecks &c. were anciently divided.

7. Before the Crown was pleased, as an Encouragement to the Captains, Officers, and Companies of Ships of War, and of Ships with Letters of Marque, to grant the entire Property of all Prizes to them, and even after such Grant, the Method of proceeding to the Condemnation of such Prizes hath been thus. The Captors transmit to the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty all Papers found on board them, whereupon the Proctor to the Crown, in the said Court, takes out Monitions, to call all Persons pretending Interest in the Ships and Goods, to shew Cause why the same should not be condemned as lawful Prize; which being done, the Proprietors, on the other hand, put in their Claim, according to the regular Course, and thereupon, after a full Hearing, the Ship is either cleared or condemned, upon Proof legally and judicially made; and after such Adjudgment in the High Court of Admiralty, no Claims can be admitted otherwise than before the Lords of Appeals, who have often heard such Cases, and reversed the Judgment. But if their Lordships decree a Restitution, and the Claimers to pay the Expences of the Law, they, and not the Court of Admiralty, ought to adjudge the same to be paid. And as to the Trial of Prizes in the *West-Indies*, it was, in the beginning of the Reign of King *William*, proposed by Sir *Charles Hedges*, then Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, as also by his Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, that the

The Method of trying, and condemning Prizes at home and abroad.

Lord High-Admiral, or Commissioners of the Admiralty, should (as they are at this time) be invested with the like Power in *Ireland*, and all the foreign Plantations, as they had in *England*; as also that a Clause might be inserted in their Patents, empowering them to give Authority to the respective Vice-Admirals there, or the Judges of those Courts, to take Cognizance of Prizes. Besides which, an Article was added to the Instructions to the Commanders of Privateers, giving them liberty to carry their Prizes to any Place where there should be a Court of Admiralty, whereby, and by the Vice-Admirals their taking out Patents under the Great Seal of the High Court of Admiralty, they were sufficiently empowered to condemn Prizes in their respective Courts.

A Prize taken in Port.

An English Ship of War retaken before carried into Port,

or

after two Years in the Enemy's Possession.

A Merchant Ship retaken by a Ship of War.

The releasing a Ship after she is taken.

8. In case a Prize is actually taken in Port, the Captor hath a Right to no more than the Crown, or the Lord High-Admiral shall think reasonable, the same being a Perquisite of Admiralty, if the Crown doth not reserve it to itself.
9. If a Ship of the Royal Navy of *Great Britain* happens to be taken by an Enemy, and is retaken by another *British* Ship of War before she can be carried into Port, or the Enemy's Fleet, the Captors have a Right to no other Reward than what the Crown shall think fit.
10. If a *British* Ship, or a Vessel of War, happens to be taken by an Enemy, and to be re-taken after she hath been upwards of two Years in their Possession, there is no legal Course of returning her into the Service of the Crown, otherwise than by buying her, when condemned, of the Commissioners for Prizes, when such a Commission is subsisting, or of the Captors, when the whole is given unto them by the Crown.
11. If a Ship or Vessel, belonging to the Subjects of *Great Britain*, is retaken from an Enemy by any of our Ships of War, the Owners ought to pay one eighth part for Salvage, without any regard to the time she was in the Enemy's Possession, which Salvage, or part thereof, as the Crown hath thought fit, hath been bestowed on those who retake the Ship; but in strictness the whole is a Perquisite of Admiralty, when the Crown doth not reserve the same to itself.
12. If the Captain of a Ship of War of *Great Britain* seizes any Ship or Vessel of an Enemy, and releases her after taking out part of her Loading, he is guilty of an high Misdemeanour, and Breach of Trust, and may be punished for the same in the Court of Admiralty, by a Court Martial, or in the Exchequer, and the Offender may be incapacitated, fined, or imprisoned: Nay the Punishment may be Death at a Court Martial, or if tryed by a Commission of *Oyer and Terminer*, according to the sixteenth Paragraph of the Statute of the thirteenth of King *Charles* the Second. But as to the Trial in the Exchequer, it must be by Information, where
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the Offender incurs the Penalty of 500*l.* together with the Loss of his Share, according to the Privateer Act. Yet if a Ship is taken from an Enemy, and she shall appear to be so disabled by the Captors, as that they shall have no hopes of bringing her into Port, she may be justifiably ransomed.

13. The Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports hath no Right to Wrecks, if chased on shore within his Jurisdiction by Ships of War, or Privateers; nor hath he a Power exclusive to the Lord High-Admiral in the *Downs*, or any other Place, which is esteemed the usual Rendezvous, Road, Harbour, or Station of Ships of the Royal Navy; not but that he hath Admiralty Jurisdiction within the Limits of the Cinque Ports; but how far those Limits extend hath not been decided, though often disputed. And although there be a concurring Jurisdiction, yet the Lord Warden may have an exclusive Right to wrecked Goods taken up within the Limits of the aforesaid Ports: But if such Goods happen to be taken up by Officers under the Lord High-Admiral, the Lord Warden ought to sue for them in the High Court of Admiralty. And when any Droits are seized by the Officers of the Cinque Ports within their Limits, and happen afterwards to be wrested from them by the Officers of the Admiralty, or Ships of War, they ought to be restored to the Officers of the Cinque Ports; but by no means is it proper for the Lord High-Admiral to order Commanders of Ships of War to assist in the Execution of the Warrants of the Lord Warden, because it derogates from his own Authority and Jurisdiction.
14. If an Enemy's Ship is chased by a *British* Ship of War, and strikes to her, but happens to be taken and possessed by any Ship of War belonging to a Prince or State in Alliance with his Majesty, which lies fairly in the way, and such Prize is brought into any Port of *Great Britain*, a Warrant should issue out of the High Court of Admiralty to arrest her at the Suit of the Crown; but if she is carried into *Holland*, or any Place in Alliance with his Majesty, the Commissioners for Prizes (when such a Commission is subsisting) should have notice of it, and they, and the Captors, prosecute for the King's, and their own Interest therein, before the Admiralty, where the Prize is carry'd in.
15. When a Dispute happens between a Vice-Admiral of one of the Maritime Counties of this Kingdom, and a Lord of a Mannor relating to Wrecks, a Suit ought to be commenced in the High Court of Admiralty, in order to condemn the Goods as a Perquisite of the Lord High-Admiral, which will oblige the Lord of the Mannor to produce his Title; and the Lord High-Admiral's Proctor is the proper Person to concern himself in, and manage that Affair.
16. If during War a Vessel be fitted out as a Privateer in an Enemy's Dominions, and is manned with *English* Men,

The Right of the Warden of the Cinque Ports as to Wrecks, &c.

A Ship striking to a British Ship of War, but taken by one of an Ally.

Dispute between a Vice-Admiral and the Lord of a Mannor about Wrecks.

Englishmen serving on board the Ships of an Enemy.

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with a Commission from the Enemy, such Persons, if taken, ought to be punished as Traitors, but if no Commission can be produced, their Crime will be adjudged Piracy.

Letters of Marque, or Reprizal, granted in time of Peace.

17. Letters of Marque, or Reprizals (which are as effectual as any others) have been often granted in time of settled Peace, and are allowed by the Law of Nations; for as they do not depend on the Civil Law, so whensoever a Prince, or any of his Subjects have received Damage from another Prince, or from his Subjects, and satisfaction having been demanded, the same hath been refused, or unreasonably delayed, such Letters of Marque or Reprizals may be granted, without Violation of the Treaties subsisting between such two Princes.

Persons serving in Ships under the Commission of the late King James to despoil the People of England.

18. In the Year 1692, the then Attorney and Solicitor General declared it to be their Opinions, that any Persons, Subjects of *England*, who should take Commissions under the late King *James*, to seize any Ships or Vessels belonging to *English* Subjects, and, by virtue thereof, should plunder and rob them, and commit Outrages as Pirates, they might be proceeded against according to the Statute of the twenty eighth of *H. 8. Ch. 15.* by Commission under the Great Seal, to be directed to the Lord High-Admiral, or his Lieutenant, or Deputy, and such others as should be named therein. They also conceived the same to be Treason within the Statute of the twenty fifth of *Ed. 3.* as being an actual levying War against the Crown of *England*, and the Offence to be the same as if Persons, by Commission of the like Nature, had landed in *England*, and committed open Hostilities upon the Subjects thereof.

A Person killed by accident upon saluting.

19. If any one belonging to a Merchant Ship, coming under the Stern of a Ship of War to salute, happens, by firing a Shot into her, to kill any Person, he is to be tried at an Admiralty Sessions, but in the mean time may be admitted to Bail.

A Person condemned by a Court Martial for Mutiny,

20. If a Court Martial condemns any Person for Mutiny, the said Court hath Power to award Execution, even in the narrow Seas; but if they submit the Time and Place to the Lord High-Admiral, his Pleasure ought to be signified therein. And if a Court Martial awards a Fine to the use of the Chest at *Chatham*, the Trustees being thereby invested with it, the same cannot be remitted. Likewise if a Court Martial gives Sentence of Death in the narrow Seas for a Crime committed in remote Parts, although the Intention of the Act be to prevent hasty Executions, yet, if the Commander in Chief gives Orders for its being done, the purpose of the Statute is answered.

for Crimes committed in remote Parts.

How Marine Officers and Soldiers may be tried for Crimes committed.

21. As to the Regimented Maritime Officers and Soldiers, they cannot, for Offences committed on shore, be punished by a Court Martial of Sea Officers, although they receive their Commis-

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Commissions from, and are under the immediate directions of the Lord High-Admiral; but they may be tried and punished by a Warrant from the Crown, directed to their chief Officer, or any other appointed by such Warrant, according to the Articles of War for Land Soldiers; and for Offences at Sea, they may be tried at a Court Martial, as Sea Officers and Mariners are.

22. By the Act for regulating the Navy, or Ships of War, a Person deserting from a Ship whereunto he belongs, may be tried for the said Offence, although the Ship from which he so deserted be paid off and discharged; for the Act doth not make any Distinction, or limit the Jurisdiction given by it. And as there are severer Punishments in the aforesaid Act than what are ordained in the Sea Laws, which are principally for the Government of Merchant Ships, so without such a particular Act, Offenders of this kind might escape unpunished. *Deserters from his Majesty's Ships.*
23. The Number of Officers of which a Court Martial is to consist is not limited by the Act, in Cases which are not capital; but in capital Cases such Court should not consist of less than five Captains. *Number of Officers to make a Court Martial.*
24. If Persons serving at Sea are sentenced to Death by a Court Martial, and the Crown shall afterwards extend Pardon to them, a Court Martial may be summoned, where the Criminals pleading the said Pardon, the Court may decree them to be discharged; but this hath been frequently done in a general Pardon, or a particular one under the Great Seal, or under the Royal Signet and Sign Manual. *The pardoning of Persons condemned by a Court Martial.*
25. A Court Martial, held according to the Statute of King Charles the Second, hath Power to incapacitate, in Cases where the manner of Punishment is not expressly and positively directed by the said Act, but left to the Discretion of the Court; and Officers so incapacitated ought not to be employed again without Directions from the Crown. *A Court Martial may incapacitate Officers.*
26. Any Person in the Service of the Crown who shall give false Intelligence of the Enemy's Fleet, or any Foreigner doing the same, may be prosecuted as a Spy by a Court Martial; and a Native, not in the Service, may be articted against in the Court of Admiralty, and be fined and imprisoned. *Punishment for false Intelligence.*
27. No Prisoner at War is subject to any Action for what he doth by virtue of the Commission of that Prince whose Subject he is. *A Prisoner at War.*
28. In case a Person belonging to one Ship is accidentally killed on firing Guns, as a Salute, from another, and the Widow of the Person so slain, after Trial at an Admiralty Sessions, designs to prosecute elsewhere for Damages, it ought to be in her own Name, by way of a Civil Action: But the Maritime and Civil Laws will, in such case, allow Damages *A Person accidentally killed on firing of Guns.*

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29. The Master of a Merchant Ship hired by Charter Party to carry publick Provisions, or Stores, cannot, for breach thereof, be tried at a Court Martial, because he is not in actual Service or Pay in the Fleet as a Ship of War.
30. A Prisoner against whom a Bill is found for High Treason, for Crimes committed on the Seas, cannot be admitted to bail.
31. If an Action, either Civil or Maritime, be commenced against any Sea-Officer in the High Court of Admiralty, and he gives in bail, it ought not to interrupt his going to Sea.
32. Those who rescue deserting Seamen, ought for their Offence to be tried at an Admiralty Sessions, Information upon Oath being first made; and they may be committed by Warrant from the Court of Admiralty.
33. If a Master of a Merchant Ship takes out a Letter of Marque, and, being in foreign Parts, meets with a Ship more fit for his purpose, and with her takes several Prizes by virtue of the said Letter of Marque, those Prizes will, upon Trial, be condemned as Perquisites of the Admiralty, but some Allowance be made to the Captor for his Service.
34. If any Person belonging to a Ship of War speak on board such Ship treasonable Words against the Government, they may be tried and punished by a Court Martial, for offending against the nineteenth Article of the Statute of King Charles the Second.
35. When Piracies, or Robberies are committed on the Seas, and the Offenders are taken, they are tried at an Admiralty Sessions, by a Commission of Oyer and Terminer under the Great Seal, at which Trials some of the Judges of the Common Law assist; and if the Lord High-Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing that Office, are present in Court, he, or they preside, otherwise the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, who, in either Case, gives Sentence.
36. All Ships and Goods taken from Pirates are Perquisites belonging to the Lord High-Admiral, in case the Crown doth not reserve them to itself, whose Advocate and Proctor ought to proceed against them in the Court of Admiralty, and obtain Sentence for Condemnation.
37. If Pirates are taken abroad, and carried to any of his Majesty's Foreign Governments, they may be properly and legally tried by the Admiralty Courts there, by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal empowering the proper Officers of such Courts to do the same.

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38. If a Merchant Ship, after her being taken, and legally condemned as good Prize, be bought by the Subjects of another Prince, she is not feizable by the Law of Nations; or if seized, she ought to be restored to the Purchasers; but if she shall not be condemned, those who buy such Ship have no Right to her. *A Prize bought by the Subjects of another Prince.*
39. If Vessels be taken by Pirates, Sea-Rovers, or others who have not lawful Commissions, they can have no just Property in them; and if retaken, they ought to be restored to their Owners, upon due Proof of their Title to them. *Vessels taken by Pirates.*
40. If the Lord High-Admiral suspects that any Ship belonging to his Majesty's Subjects is going on an unjustifiable Design, he may, before she is permitted to proceed, cause the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty to take sufficient bail of her Owners for the good Behaviour of her Master and Men; and even the Judge himself may cause her to be detained, if, upon Information, he shall deem it reasonable. *A Ship suspected may be stopp'd from proceeding.*
41. If a Warrant is issued out of the High Court of Admiralty for arresting a Merchant Ship or Vessel, and Resistance is made, upon the Application of the Persons entrusted with the said Arrest to the Commander of one of his Majesty's Ships of War, he ought to assist them in the Execution. *A Warrant issued for arresting a Ship.*
42. All Sentences in Civil and Maritime Cases in the Plantations are, upon Appeals from thence, to be determined by the High Court of Admiralty here, and upon failure of Justice in the said Court, the final Determination is in the Court of Delegates. But in the Case of Prizes, the Appeal lies directly from the Courts of Admiralty in the Plantations to the Lords of the Council, as hath been already observed. *Sentences in Civil and Maritime Cases in the Plantations.*
43. If the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty should be infringed in any of his Majesty's foreign Governments by the Courts of Common Law, in Cases purely cognizable in the Courts of Admiralty, in which those Courts of Judicature have no Right to prohibit, the Parties aggrieved ought to seek Remedy by an Appeal to his Majesty in Council. *Infringement of Admiralty Jurisdiction by Courts of Common Law.*
44. If Murder be committed on shore in any of his Majesty's Dominions, by any Person belonging to a Ship of War of *Great Britain*, the same cannot be enquired into by a Court Martial, nor can the Offender be otherwise tried than by Common Law. *Murder committed on shore.*
45. If any Officer belonging to a Ship of War of *Great Britain* shall conceal on board the said Ship any of the publick Stores committed to his Charge, he ought to be tried for the same at a Court Martial; but if the said Stores shall be embezzled, and carried on shore, then he must be tried for his said Offence by Common Law. *Concealment, or Embezzlement of Stores.*

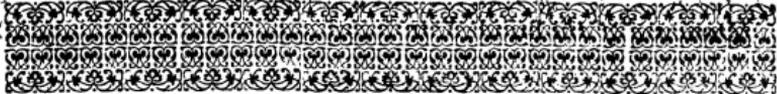
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*An English
Seaman taken
in the Ship of
a foreign
Prince.*

Lastly. If any Seaman, a Subject of *Great Britain*, shall enter himself into the Service of any foreign Prince or State, and be taken in such Service by the *Algerines*, or others, they have not any Right to expect their being reclaim'd by the Crown, as Subjects of this Nation.



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A COMPLETE
HISTORY
 Of the most Remarkable
TRANSACTIONS at SEA.

BOOK I.

Containing a general Account of those
 People who have flourished at Sea in
 all Ages.

CHAP. I.

Of the Origin of Navigation, and Invention of Shipping.



IT is highly probable that in few Centuries after the Creation the Continent of the Earth, if not the Islands, was as universally inhabited as now it is; and that the Deluge occasioned no considerable Alteration in the Terraqueous Globe; but that its Land, Seas, and Rivers were, in a very great Measure, the same as at this time. This Supposition being allowed, it will not be unreasonable to conjecture that, in the earliest Ages of the World, the Use of small Embarcations, such as Boats, and other Vessels necessary for passing Rivers, was known to Mankind, since without

*The first Use
 of Embarca-
 tions.*

*Before the De-
 luge.*

For inhabiting
the World.

them it would not have been possible for the Posterity of *Adam* to have taken Possession of the different Parts of the Earth which God had allotted for their Habitation. If that Knowledge had not been necessary for carrying on this great Design of Providence, *the inhabiting of the Earth*, and we were to suppose, with the Heathens, that the People of each Country were *Aborigines*, and produced out of the several Soils wherein they dwell'd, we cannot reasonably imagine they could long continue ignorant of some Materials proper to waft them on the Water, such as Floats of Rushes, Wood, or the like, to the Use of which they must needs have been soon induced, by observing the Quality of the Water in bearing up things of that kind, which the swelling of Rivers, or other various Accidents, might have forced thereinto.

By Floats of
Rushes, Wood,
&c.

To suppose the Use of so small a Part of Navigation before the Flood, will in no wise be derogatory from the Account given thereof in Scripture, nor leave room for objecting, that if it was so early known, it would in fifteen or sixteen Ages have been improved to such Perfection, as that the rest of Mankind might have been as well able to build capacious Vessels, and secure themselves therein from perishing, as *Noah* and his Family: for tho' Man's Advances in Knowledge are usually attained by an equally gradual Progress; yet unforeseen Accidents do oftentimes give Rise to an Invention which the Study of many Ages would not have arrived to. The Inhabitants of *America*, upon the Discovery of that Continent about two hundred Years since by the *Spaniards*, were found to have the Knowledge of such a Navigation as is above described, in small Boats, or Canoos, in the Management whereof they were even more dextrous than the *Europeans*. With the Use of these they had probably been acquainted some thousand Years; but they were no less surprized at the Sight of the *Spanish* Ships, and as totally ignorant of the Structure of such great Bodies, as we may reasonably believe the Contemporaries of *Noah* were with respect to his Ark.

Reasons of no
greater Pro-
gress.

Instances in
the Ameri-
cans.

Noah's Ark
the Original
of larger Ves-
sels.

In Process of Time the Wickedness of Men grew to such a Height, that the Divine Wisdom thought fit to destroy them from the Face of the Earth; only *Noah* being a just Man, perfect in his Generation, and walking with God, found Grace in his Eyes, and received his Directions for building an Ark of *Gopher-Wood*, 300 Cubits long, 50 Cubits broad, and 30 Cubits high, for the Reception and Security of himself and Family, with those Creatures which were ordained to live, when the Waters should prevail upon the Earth. To this immediate Interposition of God then are we to attribute the Invention of Shipping, as we are to his concurring Providence those Improvements which have been since made therein, and the Perfection it is arrived to at this time. Not many Years after the Flood, there was occasion for the Descendants of *Noah* to put in practice all they had learnt in this Art from their common Father, in order to their arriving at the respective Countries assigned them for their Possession; for in the Days of *Peleg*, who was born a hundred Years after the Waters were dried up, the Scripture tells us the Earth was divided by the Families of the Sons of *Noah*, and, in particu-

Invention and
Improvement
of Shipping.

By Noah's
Descendants.

Peleg.

lar, that to the Sons of *Japheth* were allotted the Isles of the *Gen- Japheth.*
tiles; by which are meant not only the Continent of *Europe*, the
 Northern Parts of *Asia*, and *Asia Minor*, but all the Islands of the
Mediterranean and *Ægean* Sea. *Kittim*, a Grandson of *Japheth*, *Kittim.*
 is particularly said by *Josephus* to have settled in *Cyprus*, from
 whence, says he, not only all Islands in general, but most maritime
 Places are in the *Hebrew* Tongue called *Kittim*. Now of these
 Islands it is impossible they could have taken Possession without Ves-
 sels for Transportation.

CHAP. II.

*Of the Improvements in Navigation and Naval Affairs by
 the Egyptians, Phœnicians, and Assyrians.*

IN the sacred Writings we have no more Footsteps of the Pro- *Navigation*
 gress of Navigation till the time of *Solomon*, wherefore we must *farther im-*
 now have recourse to profane History. Heathen Antiquity doth *proved.*
 generally attribute to the *Egyptians* the Invention of Arts and Sci- *1. By the F-*
 ences, and among them that of Navigation: But as the *Greek* and *Egyptians.*
Roman Authors were unacquainted with the Writings of *Moses*; we
 need not wonder at their ascribing that Honour to those who were
 but Improvers of it; however, we may from thence reasonably
 conclude that the *Egyptians* did indeed make considerable Discove-
 ries therein. Their Situation was as advantagious as possibly it
 could be for the Advancement of this Knowledge, for all the Eastern
 Shores of their Country were washed by the Red Sea, and the Nor-
 thern by the *Mediterranean*. *Isis*, who reigned in *Egypt* with her *Isis.*
 Husband *Osiris*, about the Year of the World 2230, and afterwards
 engrossed a considerable Part of the Worship of the *Pagan* World
 under the different Names of *Isis*, *Cybele*, and *Ceres*, among other
 her Inventions is said to have first taught the Use of Sails. She
 was thought also, in a peculiar manner, to preside over the Sea,
 whence it became a Custom for such as had been saved from Ship-
 wreck, to have the Circumstances of their Adventure represented
 in a Picture, which was hung up in her Temple, as an Acknowledg-
 ment of their Obligation to her for their Deliverance; in like man-
 ner as is practised at this Day in Popish Countries at the Shrines of
 their Tutclary Saints. *Tacitus* says the *Suevi*, a People of ancient *Suevi.*
Germany, worshipped her in the Form of a Ship: And as there are
 now in the Hands of the Curious, *Egyptian* Medals struck by the
 Emperor *Julian* the Apostate, wherein she is placed in a Ship, so
 are there also several Figures where she is represented with one in
 her Hand. *Pliny* tells us the first Ship which was seen in *Greece*
 was that in which *Danaus* came thither from *Egypt*, before which *Danaus.*
 time, says he, only Floats were used, invented by King *Erythras* *Erythras.*
 among the Islands of the Red Sea. To these might be added many
 other

other Authorities, but thus much will suffice to shew that Heathen Writers have given to the *Aegyptians* the Honour of this Invention.

But tho' their Situation was equally commodious for navigating both to the East and West, yet they seem to have been more particularly intent on the former, and made frequent Voyages to the Southern Coasts of *Arabia*, *Persia*, *India*, and *China*, as well on account of Wars as Traffick, especially after the famous Expedition of *Sesostris*, one of their Kings *, to those Countries, who with a numerous Army reduced the In-land Parts to his Obedience, while his Fleet from the Red Sea, consisting of about 400 Ships, subdued the maritime Coasts.

These People, the *Aegyptians*, were willing probably to resign the Western Navigation to the *Phanicians*, who, by reason of their Neighbourhood and Intercourse with them, imitated and at length far exceeded them in this Art. The *Phanicians* were the first who attempted to sail by Night, and applied the Knowledge of the Stars to Navigation, which they improved to the carrying on a vast Trade to *Greece*, and other Parts of the *European* as well as *African* side of the *Mediterranean*. Their capital Cities, *Tyre* and *Sidon*, were for many Ages the most flourishing *Emporiums* of *Asia*. It was to Colonies of the former that ^a *Byzantium*, the Grecian ^b *Thebes*, ^c *Leptis*, ^d *Byrsa*, and ^e *Utica*, owed their Foundations. These People were so hardy as to venture out on the *Atlantic* Ocean, where they built ^f *Gades*, made several Settlements along the Western Coast of *Spain*, and sailed as far as the *Cassiterides* Islands, whither, after their first Discovery, they made frequent Voyages for Lead and Tin; which they carried into the *Mediterranean*, and gained immense Riches by those useful Commodities. By the *Cassiterides*, most learned Men are of Opinion were understood, in those Times of remote Antiquity, our *British* Islands, or at least as much of them as was known; which 'tis supposed were the Islands of *Scilly*, and Western Parts of *England*, as *Cornwall*, *Devonshire*, and *Somersetshire*, where those Metals are in such great Plenty.

When the *Phanicians* had once adventured out of the *Mediterranean*, they, not content with their Discoveries in *Europe*, sailed southward in the *Atlantic* Ocean, along the Shores of *Africa*, and built several Towns on that Coast. Their Reputation for maritime Affairs induced several Princes of other Nations to employ them in their Service: They were of great Use to the *Assyrian* and *Persian* Emperors in their Naval Wars with *Greece*, and other Countries; and *Herodotus* tells us, that *Neco*, King of *Agypt*, after he had laid aside his Project of cutting a Canal from the *Nile* to the Red Sea, sent out some *Phanicians* to make Discoveries; who sailing from that Sea, launched into the Southern Ocean, where, when *Autumn* came on, they landed in *Libya*, sowed Corn, and stayed till it was ripe, whence, having got in their Harvest, they departed; and when they had been absent two Years, arrived the third in *Agypt*, by way of the ^g Pillars of *Hercules*: They reported, says he, what who-

* Vid. Diod. Sic. p. 28, 29. a Ship 280 Cubits long.

fo will may believe for me, that, in their Passage about *Africa*, they had the Sun on their Right Hand; and in this manner, he goes on, was *Lybia* first known. Which, by the by; is an ample Testimony that the Cape of *Good Hope* was known, and doubled by the Ancients, and that too, long before the Time of *Hanno* the *Carthaginian*, whom we shall have occasion hereafter to mention in his proper Place.

Cape of Good Hope.

These People were not less powerful in a Naval Force, than expert in Navigation, being reckoned in the List *Eusebius* has given us of those Nations who usurped the Dominion of the Sea; and *Quintus Curtius* says of the City of *Tyre*, that for a long time it held in Subjection not only the neighbouring Seas, but those also wheresoever its Fleets were sent. Whence a *Tyrian Sea* became a proverbial Expression for any Sea possessed in such a manner, as that a free Navigation in it was not allowed without the Consent of the Lord, or Proprietor thereof. That City in a short time eclipsed the Glory of *Sidon*, of which it was at first a Colony, and continued in a flourishing Condition several Ages, its Inhabitants abounding in the Wealth and Riches of the then known World, till they drew upon themselves the Displeasure of *Nebuchadnezzar* King of *Babylon*, who after a Siege of thirteen Years took the City, and level'd it with the Ground.

Tyrians, &c.

Old Tyre destroyed.

by Nebuchadnezzar;

The *Tyrians* who were saved from this Destruction, rebuilt their City in a neighbouring Island, about a Mile from the Shore, which soon acquired the Reputation of the ancient *Tyre*, and at length exceeded it. It continued in this Prosperity till the Time of *Alexander the Great*, who, after a Siege of seven Months, utterly destroyed it, and sold 30000 of its Inhabitants into Slavery.

and New Tyre

by Alexander.

There is no doubt to be made that the *Phœnicians* had a considerable Sea Force, as hath been alledged; otherwise they could not have established the several Colonies we are assured they did, and have dispossessed the Inhabitants of those Places they chose to settle in: But the first Naval Armament we read of in History, is that of the *Affyrians* under their Queen *Semiramis*. That Princess being engaged in an Expedition for adding *India* to her Empire, caused to be built in *Bactriana*, an Inland Province of her Dominions, two thousand Vessels with brazen Beaks, which were formed in such manner as to be carried in Parts Over-land by Camels to the River *Indus*, where they were to be joined together and made use of. Though this Fleet was thus numerous, we cannot conceive any great Idea of its Force, the Vessels of which it consisted being doubtless but very small, since they were carried Over-land in the manner before-mentioned. The King of *India*, to oppose these Preparations, had gotten together upon the same River 4000 Vessels, formed of a kind of Reed which grew there in great Plenty. These numerous Fleets came at length to an Engagement, wherein the *Affyrians* obtained the Victory, sinking a thousand of the other's Vessels; but passing the River, they were brought to a Battel ashore, wherein they received a total Defeat from the *Indian King*, and *Semiramis* was obliged to return precipitately into her own Dominions. But we must not omit,

Affyrians first made Naval Armaments. Semiramis

invades India.

Her Naval Victory:

But beaten at Land,

retires.

omit, for the Honour of the *Phœnicians*, that they were of the Number (and probably the greatest part) of those who were employed on board *Semiramis's* Fleet, the rest being *Syrians*, *Ægyptians*, *Cypriots*, and *Cilicians*, with other the maritime Inhabitants of *Asia Minor*, as far as the *Hellepont*.

C H A P III.

Of the Greeks in general, and those among them and the neighbouring Nations, who held the Dominion of the Sea, according to Eusebius's Catalogue.

3. By the
Greeks.

*Their Naval
Armaments.*

Argonauts.
Tartessus.

4. By the
Cretans.

*Minos reduces
the Carians,
&c.*

*and Cyclades.
Plants Colo-
nies.*

*His Naval
Battels.*

5. By the Ly-
dians, &c.

Pelasgi.

Thracians.

Rhodians.

FROM *Ægypt* and *Phœnicia* the *Greeks* learned the Lessons of Navigation, and challenged to themselves the Honour of several Improvements therein. They seem to have applied themselves more to the making it serviceable in War than Traffick, or voyaging to distant Countries to make Discoveries, and confined their Navigation to the *Mediterranean Sea*; out of which we do not read they so much as once ventured before the Time of *Colæus the Samian*, 600 Years after the Expedition of the *Argonauts*, and then no farther than to *Tartessus*, at the Mouth of the River *Bætis*, the modern *Guadalquivir*, where *St. Lucar* now stands.

In the early Ages of *Greece* the maritime People of it, and those of the neighbouring Islands in the *Ægean Sea*, together with the *Carians* and *Phœnicians*, practised Piracy, and committed Depredations on that Sea and the adjacent Coasts; till *Minos*, King of *Crete*, fitted out a considerable Fleet, with which he soon reduced them. This Prince became so considerable as to make himself absolutely Master of the *Grecian Sea*, that is, that part of the *Ægean* which is between *Crete* and *Græcia propria*, reducing to his Obedience the Islands *Cyclades* situate therein, planting Colonies in them under the Conduct of his Sons, dispossessing their piratical and temporary Inhabitants, and keeping a constant Force cruising against the Rovers, for the safe Conveyance of his Revenues arising from those Islands to *Crete*. He is said to be the first who fought a Naval Battel, (in the *Mediterranean* it must be meant) and is placed at the Head of *Eusebius's* Catalogue of those who were celebrated for their Dominion at Sea; whom we shall here mention in the order that Author has transmitted them to.

The *Cretans*, under the Successors of *Minos*, maintained the Reputation at Sea which that Prince had acquired for about 175 Years; when the *Lydians*, or *Mæonians*, a People of *Asia Minor*, became celebrated for their Naval Dominion, and continued so for about 120 Years. To them succeeded the *Pelasgi*, a People of *Greece*, whose Credit lasted 85 Years. After them the *Thracians* ruled at Sea for 89 Years, whose Successors in that Power were the *Rhodians*, with whom it remained, according to our Author, 23 Years.

Next

Next to these are placed the *Phrygians*; who had Dominion of the Sea 25 Years, about the Time of *Lycurgus*, and were succeeded by the *Cypriots*, who held it 23. They are followed by the *Phœnicians*; but as *Eusebius* mentions not how long they were powerful at Sea, so was it, in my Opinion, wisely omitted; for as they were remarkable a great while before any in this List mentioned, so do they deserve a much higher Place in it.

The *Egyptians*, continues the Author, possessed the Seas under their Kings *Psammis* and *Bocchoris*, who reigned a little before the Beginning of the Olympiads. These were succeeded by the *Milesians*, the People of *Miletus*, a considerable City of *Ionis*; the Time of whose Superiority is likewise omitted: But *Stephanus de Urbibus* says, the City of *Naucratis* in *Egypt* was built by them when they were Masters of the Sea, which was about the Time of *Romulus*. A Colony of that People also founded *Sinope* in *Paphlagonia*, upon the *Euxine* Sea, which became a City of great Trade, and, as *Strabo* says, had the absolute Dominion of that Sea as far as the *Cyanean* Islands, that is, to the Mouth of the *Thracian Bosphorus*, or inner Streights of *Constantinople*, where those Islands lie.

The *Carians*, a People of *Asia Minor*, are the next who are here celebrated for their Sea Dominion; after whom the People of *Lesbos*, an Island of the *Ægean*, obtained the supreme Power, which they held for 69 Years; and were succeeded in it by the *Phocæans*, the Inhabitants of *Phocæa*, a City of *Æolis*, about the Time of the *Babylonish* Captivity, with whom it continued 44 Years. A Colony of theirs, in the Time of *Tarquinius Priscus*, came into the Mouth of the *Tyber*, entered into Amity with the *Romans*, and thence went into *Gaul* and built *Massilia*, the modern *Marseilles*.

The People of *Naxos*, one of the *Cyclades* Islands, next obtained the Dominion of the Sea, which they possessed 10 Years, at the time *Cambyfes* was King of *Persia*, when it fell to the Inhabitants of *Eretria*, a City of the Island *Eubœa*, and with them remained 7 Years.

The last in this Account of *Eusebius* are the People of *Ægina*, an Island in the Gulf between *Athens* and *Peloponnesus*, whose Naval Power lasted 20 Years, till *Darius*, the Successor of *Cambyfes*, sent his Embassadors to demand Earth and Water of the Cities of *Greece*, at which time the *Æginetans* submitted to his Authority. We are not however to suppose that they were not after this Masters of a Sea Force; for we find that in following Times, by reason thereof, and their Neighbourhood to the *Athenians*, they became so obnoxious to those People, that they cut off the Thumbs of all such as they took Prisoners, to disable them for further Service at Sea. *A barbarous Cruelty! which tho' committed under the specious Pretence of the publick Profit, is by Tully, in his Book of Offices, wherein he handles that Subject, very justly condemned.* But of these things more at large, when we shall come to treat of the *Grecian* Affairs in particular, which will furnish out a considerable Part of the ensuing History.

C H A P. IV.

Of the Navigations and Naval Power of the Hebrews under David and Solomon.

Navigation of
the Jews.

WE are not to imagine that the Naval Dominion of the People in the foregoing Catalogue was so extensive as to reach all over the *Mediterranean*: for, on the contrary, excepting that of the *Cypriots*, *Phœnicians*, and *Egyptians*, we have reason to believe it reach'd not farther than in and about the *Ægean Sea*; for during the time that their Succession to each other takes up, we are assur'd there were other Nations more considerable at Sea, both in Number and Strength of Ships, than 'tis probable most of the foremention'd were. About the time the *Pelagî* are celebrated for their Superiority, we read of the great Fleets of *David* and *Solomon*, which, under the Conduct of the *Phœnicians*, carried on in the *Mediterranean*, from the Port of *Joppa*, the Trade to *Tarshish* for those Princes, as they did likewise in the *Red Sea* and *Indian Ocean* to *Ophir*. Also between the Time that the Dominion of the *Phœceans* and *Naxians* is placed, we learn from *Thucydides* that the *Corinthians* and *Ionians* were considerable at Sea, and immediately after them *Polycrates*, Tyrant of *Samos*, a noted Island of the *Ægean*, was very potent in that Sea, and reduced several of its Islands to his Obedience, whom therefore 'tis to be wonder'd *Eusebius* has omitted in his Account. Of these we shall take notice in the order we have mention'd them.

Fleets of Da-
vid and Solo-
mon.

Corinthians.
Ionians.
Samiens.
(*Polycrates*
vide post.)

David's Ri-
ches.

The Scripture gives us an Account of the immense Wealth *David* had amassed together for the building of the Temple, who in his Instructions to his Son *Solomon*, says he had prepared for that purpose an hundred thousand Talents of Gold, a thousand thousand Talents of Silver, and of Brass and Iron without Weight; and in another Place, he, to induce the People to contribute to the Charge, tells them the particular Use for which part of it was designed, *viz.* three thousand Talents of the Gold of *Ophir*, and seven thousand Talents of refined Silver to overlay the Walls of the Houses; besides which he had the *Onyx*, and all manner of precious Stones in Abundance.

How dispos'd.

We cannot reasonably suppose all his Wealth was designed for this End, but that there was a very considerable part made use of to defray the necessary Expences of his Government; yet *Josephus* assures us that he left behind him more than any Prince of the *Hebrews*, or of any other Nation ever did; and this appeared from the great Treasure *Solomon*, in an unusual Strain of Magnificence, buried with him in his Sepulchre, which on two several pressing Emergencies of the State, was, about 1300 Years afterwards opened, and out of it were taken the first time 3000 Talents, and the next likewise a very great Sum. The same Author tells us of the particular Intercourse *David* had with *Hiram*, King of *Tyre*, and 'tis

His Sepulchre.

Confederacy
with Hiram.

also

also plain from him that he had Ports in the *Mediterranean* Sea; so that we cannot any other way account for his immense Riches, than by concluding that he did, as well as his Son *Solomon*, send out his Fleets to *Tarshish* and *Ophir*, to import to him the Wealth of those Countries. But we need not depend on Conjectures in this Matter; for *Eupolemus*, an ancient Author quoted by *Eusebius*, expressly says that he built a Fleet at *Achanis*, a City of *Arabia*, (the *Ezion Geber* of the Scripture) which he sent, with several expert Miners on board, to *Urphen*, an Island abounding in Gold, from whence they brought to *Judea* great Quantities thereof. His Fleet, &c.

This *Urphen* is concluded by the Learned to be the same as *Ophir*; but where that *Ophir* was, they are much divided in Opinion. *Josephus* says 'tis the same as was in his time called *The Land of Gold*. Some have thought it to be the *Aurca Chersonesus* of *Ptolemy*, the *Peninsula of India* beyond *Ganges* of the Moderns. *Ortelius* tells us, that in *Vatablus's* Bible printed by *Robert Stephens*, 'tis said to be the Island *Hispaniola* in *America*; that *Postellus*, *Goropius*, and *Arias Montanus* were of Opinion it was the Kingdom of *Peru*; but it doth not in the least appear probable to him that it was any Part of *America*; for that, besides the vast distance of that Continent from *Judea*, we never find it produced Elephants, which it must have done to have been the *Ophir* of *Solomon*, from whence we read his Ships brought him Ivory. Indeed his Opinion seems by much the most likely to be true, who believes it to be the Eastern Coast of *Africa*, particularly that Part of it which is now called *Sofala*, a Country abounding in Gold Mines, and whose Inhabitants are said by the *Portuguese*, who discovered it to the *Europeans* in these latter Ages, to have Chronicles written in their own Tongue, wherein mention is made of *Solomon's* being supplied every third Year with Gold from thence. A Digression concerning Ophir.

To confirm this Conjecture of *Ortelius's*, may be added what modern Travellers relate of a People of the neighbouring Island of *Madagascar*, term'd *Zaffe Hibrabim*, that is, the Race of *Abraham*, and those of a small Island adjacent called the Isle of *Abraham*, that they observe the *Jewish* Sabbath, and give not only a faint Account of the Creation of the World and Fall of Man, but also some broken Passages of the sacred History concerning *Noah* and *Abraham*, *Moses* and *David*. Which People differing thus in Religion from the neighbouring Inhabitants on every side, who are all Pagans, are doubtless the Descendants of some of the *Hebrews* who either settled there, or suffered Shipwreck in the time of this Intercourse between *Judea* and those Countries. Madagascar, &c.

Authors do not much more agree in their Sentiments about *Tarshish*, some believing it to be *Tarsus* in *Cilicia*, some the City of *Carthage*, and some the *Mediterranean* Sea in general. Others think it was the *Tartessus* of profane Authors, with which Opinion, in part, concurs that of the learned *Monfieur Huet*, who says *Tarshish* was a general Name for all the Western Coast of *Africa* and *Spain*, and in particular the Country about the *Guadalquivir*, very fertile in Mines of Silver; at the Mouth of which River (the *Betis*) And Tarshith. (Vide ante.)

Batis of the Ancients) the City of *Tartessus* stood. But to return from this Digression.

Solomon's
Navigation

and Confede-
racy with Hi-
rani.

His Sea-Ports,
Ezion-Geber.

* Vide ante.
Achanis,
and Joppa.

The Imports
of his Fleets,
&c.

Jehosaphat.

Solomon, according to the singular Prudence with which he was endowed from Heaven, improved the advantagious Circumstances his Father left him in, to the aggrandizing his Kingdom, and increasing the Wealth of his Subjects. To this purpose he took care to cultivate the Friendship *David* had begun with *Hiram*, King of *Tyre*, and gave him twenty Cities in the Land of *Galilee*. By his Aid and Assistance he brought into a regular Order the Sea-Force of which his Father had laid the Foundation, and became very intent on pursuing the gainful Voyages to *Ophir* and *Tarshish*. The Port for the first was *Ezion-Geber* on the *Red Sea*, and for the latter *Joppa* in the *Mediterranean*. To *Ezion-Geber* the Scripture tells us he went himself, and to *Joppa*, which was almost in the Neighbourhood of *Jerusalem*, 'tis very probable he did the same, to give the necessary Directions for those Expeditions, and encourage his People by his Presence and personal Concern in the Preparations. From those Countries we read they brought him Gold and Silver, with precious Stones, *Almug-Trees*, and *Ivory*; and that the Weight of Gold which came to him in one Year on his own Account, besides what he had of the Merchants, of the Kings of *Arabia*, and the Governours of the Country, was 666 Talents. After the Death of this great Prince, the intestine Divisions of his Kingdom, which was rent in two, admitted not of any Opportunity for cultivating their Naval Affairs, which from thence forward totally declined, notwithstanding the Efforts *Jehosaphat*, one of Successors, made in vain to revive them.

CHAP. V.

Of the Corinthians, Ionians, Polycrates the Tyrant of Samos, the Persians, Athenians, Lacedæmonians, Mafilians, Tyrrhenians, Spinetans, and Carthaginians.

The Naviga-
tion of the Co-
rinthians.

Ionians.

Polycrates.

WE come next in order to the *Corinthians*, who, as *Thucydides* tells us, first changed the Form of Shipping into the nearest to those in use in his time; that at *Corinth*, 'twas reported were made the first Gallies of all *Greece*; and that they furnished themselves with a considerable Navy, scoured the Sea of *Pirates*, and by their Traffick both by Sea and Land mightily encreased the Revenue of their City.

After this, continues he, the *Ionians* in the times of *Cyrus*, and of his Son *Cambyfes*, got together a great Navy, and making War on *Cyrus*, obtained for a time the Dominion of that Part of the Sea which lieth on their own Coast. Also *Polycrates*, who in the time of *Cambyfes* was Tyrant of *Samos*, had a strong Navy, where-

with he subdued divers of the Islands, and among the rest, having wone *Rhenea*, consecrated the same to *Apollo of Delos*. He was so considerable, we learn from *Herodotus*, as to be able to assist *Cambyses* with forty Gallies of three Tire of Oars, towards the Reduction of *Egypt*, and at the same time to keep at home a sufficient Force for the security of the Islands, and asserting his Dominion of the Sea.

His Gallies, &c.

About this time we find the *Persians* began to make a great Figure in Naval Power, as did their Rivals therein the *Athenians* and *Lacedaemonians*, of whom we shall defer what we have to say till we come to handle the *Grecian* Sea-Affairs at large, wherewith those of the *Persians* are intermixed.

Persians. Athenians. Lacedaemonians.

'Twas in the time of *Cyrus* that, upon the occasion of the Successes of *Harpagus*, his Lieutenant in *Ionia*, the Colony of *Phocæans* before mentioned left their City, and after several Adventures settled near the Mouth of the *Rhosne* in *France*, and built *Massilia*. These we are now to consider under the Name of *Massilians*, who derived from their Ancestors an Aptitude for Naval-Affairs, and in a short time grew considerable therein, so that to reduce the growing Power of these strangers in those Seas, the *Tyrrenians* and *Carthaginians* associated themselves, and with a Fleet of one hundred and twenty Sail, engaged that of the *Massilians* of not above half the number, off of the Island of *Sardinia*; who after a long and doubtful Battel, wherein several Ships were sunk and taken on both sides, were at length forced to yield with the loss of thirty. This discouraged them for the present, but in after times they renewed their application to Sea-Affairs with great diligence, and became a very flourishing and powerful People. They planted several Colonies upon the Coasts of *Gaul*, *Italy* and *Spain*, and were amongst the earliest who adventured upon long Voyages out of the *Mediterranean*, *Euthymenes* having advanced Southward in the Ocean as far as the *Æg-nator*, and *Pytheas* having sailed Northward, and made great Discoveries along the Coast of *Europe*, both of them Natives of *Marseilles*.

*Massilians. * Marseilles. Baten by the Carthaginians, &c.*

Euthymenes. Pytheas.

In these parts of the *Mediterranean* had flourished for some Ages the *Tyrrenians*, (People of the Modern *Tuscany*) who from the Dominion they for a long time held therein, imposed on that part of it which is adjacent to the South and West Coasts of *Italy*, the Name of the *Tyrrhene* Sea. While they were Masters on that side of *Italy*, there ruled in the *Adriatick* the People of *Spina*, (a Town on the Southernmost Mouth of the *Po*) who maintained their Sovereignty there for many Years, and flourishing in Wealth consecrated to *Apollo of Delos* the Tenth of their Maritime Revenues, which contributed not a little to the immense Riches of that Temple.

Tyrrenians. Spinetans.

The *Carthaginians* were now very considerable in Naval Affairs, wherein they had been improving themselves from the very Foundation of their City; following herein the Genius of the *Tyrians* from whom they descended. They, by degrees, made themselves Masters not only of all the Northern Coast of *Africa*, from *Egypt* to the

Carthaginians. Their Naval Conquests

Pillars of *Hercules*, and of a great part of the Western Coast of that Continent, but also the Islands *Sicily*, *Sardinia*, *Corfica*, *Majorca* and *Minorca*, together with the Kingdom of *Spain*, and arrived at such a degree of Wealth and Power, as to be able for a long time to contend with the *Romans*, not only for the Dominion of the Sea, but that of the World itself: The Naval Wars between which People, will in the proper place of this History be particularly treated of. The Foundation of the *Carthaginian* Greatness, was the vast Commerce they carried on to all the parts of the then known World; to the discovery of much of which they were very instrumental, having sent out several Adventurers on that Errand. *Pliny* tells us, that *Hanno*, in the flourishing times of *Carthage*, sailed round *Africa* from *Gades* (i. e. *Cadiz*) to the end of *Arabia*, and published an Account of his Voyage, as *Himilco* did of his likewise, who was sent at the same time to make Discoveries along the Coast of *Europe*.

and Com-
merce.

CHAP. VI.

Of the Naval Power of the Romans.

Romans.]

Their Naval
Affairs.

THE *Romans*, as *Sir Henry Savil* hath observed in his excellent Annotations upon *Tacitus*, notwithstanding their City was so commodiously situated for Maritime Affairs, being not above fifteen Miles from the *Tyrrbene* Sea, upon a River of a convenient Breadth, yet seem to have wholly neglected all Naval Concerns for some hundred Years after the Building of *Rome*; which is by many assigned as one principal Cause of the continuance of that State so long in Integrity, and free from that Corruption, which some Systems of Politicks pretend is occasioned by a Traffick at Sea, and Intercourse with Foreigners. But at length having reduced all *Italy* to their Obedience, and observing that their Coasts lay exposed to the Depredations of the *Carthaginians*, who held uncontested the Dominion of the Sea derived from their Ancestors, they became sensible of their Error, and determined diligently to apply themselves to Naval-Affairs, having before, as *Polybius* informs us, not any Vessels with Decks, or long Ships, or so much as a Passage Boat, but what they borrowed. As for Gallies with five Tire of Oars, so serviceable in War, they had no manner of Notion of them, till by accident one of those of the *Carthaginians* ran ashore near *Rhegium*, in the Streight of *Messana*, which being seized by them served as a Model to build by. This Work they immediately set about, and the Men they were to employ having never been at Sea, they caused Banks to be erected on the Shore, in the same order as in the Gally, and thereon exercised them in the use of their Oars, how to dip, and how to recover them out of the Water. But to say truth, the Assertion of *Polybius*, that this was the first time these People adventured to Sea, can by no means be reconciled with what

Their first
pattern for
their Gallies,
&c.

Their Fleets.

what is by all the *Roman* Authors alledged on occasion of the *Tarentine* War some Years before, namely that there being an ancient Treaty with the *Tarentines*, that the *Romans* should not pass with their Ships beyond the Promontory of *Lacinium*; the *Duumvir* nevertheless going with a Fleet of ten Ships to survey the Coasts of *Magna Græcia*, went into the Gulph of *Tarentum*, beyond that Promontory; where four of the Ships were taken, one sunk, and he himself slain by the *Tarentines*: From which it is plain, that the *Romans* had used the Sea long before. It is certain, that in the time of the first *Punick* War, they were more than ordinarily intent on Naval Affairs, and made most considerable Advances therein; for *Polybius* tells us, they in the 5th Year of that War, fitted out one hundred Gallies with five Tire of Oars, and twenty with three. *Lucius Florus* increaseth the whole number to one hundred and sixty, which Fleet, says he, within sixty Days after the Wood was cut down in the Forest, rode at Anchor on the Sea: Of so wonderful dispatch must they be who would be Sovereigns of the World. In the 9th Year *Regulus* failed to *Africa* with three hundred and fifty Gallies. The Consuls *Æmilius* and *Fulvius* had three hundred and sixty four Ships of Service in the same War, which number can hardly be matched again in the *Roman* State for many Years after. In the second *Punick* War we find one hundred and sixty, and two hundred, or not much above. Against *Antiochus* King of *Syria* they fitted out but eighty, and the like at other times in their more flourishing Condition. Altho' the highest number beforementioned of three hundred sixty four Ships seem not to be so very considerable, yet such, and so great was the Fleet, by reason of the Quality of the Ships, that not only the *Grecian*, but even the *Persian* Power, which covered the Sea with one thousand and two hundred Sail, could not in *Polybius's* Opinion stand in any Competition therewith for Strength. After *Polybius's* time, *Pompey* had not above two hundred and seventy to reduce the Pirates; but in the Civil War he commanded six hundred long Ships compleatly manned and stored. And *Augustus*, after he had forced *Sextus Pompeius* out of *Italy*, had six Hundred long Ships of his own, besides seventeen which fled with that *Pompey*, and the Navy of *Mark Anthony*; who soon after at the Battle of *Actium* furnished five hundred Ships of War, where *Augustus* had but two hundred and fifty; and this was the greatest Sea Force the *Romans* were ever Masters of; for as to what we read of one Thousand six Hundred Sail with *Sylla* out of *Asia*, and a Thousand with *Germanicus* in *Germany*, and such like, we are not to understand them to be other than Transport Vessels.

After the Conclusion of the Civil War, *Augustus* having for the Security of the Empire disposed his Legions in the most advantageous manner by Land, established also for its Guard by Sea two stationary Fleets in *Italy*, one at *Misenum*, (the northernmost of the two Promontories that shoot from the Gulph of *Naples*) to protect and keep in Obedience *Gaul*, *Spain*, *Africa*, *Ægypt*, *Sardinia*, and *Sicily*; and the other at *Ravenna* in the *Adriatick*, to defend and bridle *Illyricum*, *Greece*, *Crete*, *Cyprus*, and *Asia*. He had

In the Tarentine War.

(Cape Rizzuto.)

First Punick War.

and second Punick War.

The Fleets of Pompey.

Augustus.

Mark Anthony.

Sylla and Germanicus.

Augustus's Stationary or Guard Fleets at Misenum

and Ravenna.

in the Euxine and Red Sea. had also in the *Euxine Sea* a Fleet of forty Sail, for the Security of the Countries adjacent thereto, with another of a hundred and thirty on the *Red Sea*, for the Protection of *Ægypt* on that side, and of the Trade to *Arabia* and *India*. Beside these, which remained as the ordinary Defence of the Empire, *Tacitus* tells us that *Augustus* sent the beaked Gallies which were taken at the Battle of *Actium*, and very well manned, to remain at ^b*Forum Julii* for the Security of the neighbouring Coast of *Gaul*: And in several of the Provinces were also the proper Gallies of those Countries. The Emperor *Claudius* having reduced *Britain* into the Form of a *Roman Province*, also added the *British Fleet* for the Guard of *Britain* and the Isles adjacent; and not only by Sea, but also upon the great Rivers which bounded the Empire, several Squadrons were maintained, as the *German* Squadron upon the *Rhine*, and those of the *Danube* and *Euphrates* upon those Rivers.

(b Frejus in Provençe)

In the British Seas,

and on the Rhine, &c.

C H A P. VII.

Of the Cilicians, Veneti of Gaul, Goths, Saxons, Saracens, and Normans.

Naval Affairs of the

Cilicians, Cypriots, and Pamphylians. (* Straights of Gibraltar.)

They assist Mithridates.

Make Depredations on the Romans.

Their Navy.

IN the times next preceding the Subversion of the *Roman* Commonwealth by *Julius Cæsar*, were formidable at Sea the Pirates of *Cilicia*, who being joined by great Numbers of *Syrians*, *Cypriots*, and *Pamphylians*, with many of the Inhabitants of *Pontus*, rendered themselves for a considerable time Masters of the *Mediterranean*, from *Syria* to the ^a*Pillars of Hercules*, and defeated several *Roman* Officers who were sent against them.

In the Wars between the *Romans* and *Mithridates* King of *Pontus*, they espoused the Part of that Prince, (who indeed first set them to work) and did him important Services. The long Continuance of those Wars, and the intervening Civil War between *Marius* and *Sylla*, gave the *Cilicians* a favourable Opportunity to increase their Numbers and Strength, which they did not fail to improve, and in a short time grew so powerful, that they not only took and robbed all the *Roman* Ships they met with, but also ravaged many of the Islands and maritime Provinces, where they plundered above four hundred Cities, extending their Depredations even to the Mouth of the *Tyber*, from whence they took several Vessels loaden with Corn. Their Force consisted of above a thousand Ships, of an excellent Built for Celerity, stored with all kind of Arms for their Piratical Expeditions, manned with hardy and expert Seamen and Soldiers, and conducted by vigilant and experienced Officers; so that they were now grown so considerable, as it became a Work of great Importance to the *Romans* to subdue them, though then almost arrived at the highest Pitch of Power their State ever attained to. No less a Person than *Pompey* was chosen

for

for the Reduction of them, with a Commission giving him the supreme Command of all the Sea within the Pillars of *Hercules*, and of the Land for fifty Miles from the Shore, with Power to take what Number of Ships and Troops he thought fit, and six thousand *Attick* Talents, that is, above a Million of our Money, without Account. Thus, with the Assistance of fifteen inferior Admirals, whom he disposed with their Squadrons in several proper Stations in the *Mediterranean*, himself sailing about and giving the necessary Orders, he in few Months cleared the Sea of the Pirates, to many thousands of whom he extended Mercy, and assigned them Habitations in the inland Parts of *Cilicia*.

Pirates destroyed and suppressed by Pompey.

In few Years after we find the *Veneti*, a People of ancient *Gaul*, to be very considerable in the Ocean, where they had great Numbers of Ships, and carried on a Trade to *Britain*. These People, as we learn from *Cæsar*, exercised a Dominion on the Sea that washes their Coast, exacting Tribute of all such as navigated therein, it being an open and tempestuous Sea, with few Ports of which they were Masters.

Veneti of Gaul. (b) Those of and about Vannes in Bretagne.) Their Naval Force

They gave *Cæsar* more trouble to subdue them than any of the rest of *Gaul*, their Naval Force obliging him to build a numerous Fleet of Ships on the *Loire*, and make a general Levy of Seamen from the remotest Parts of his Government. The *Veneti*, for their Defence, made great Preparations, and by their Aid from *Britain* and the Northern Coasts of *Gaul*, got together a Fleet of two hundred and twenty Ships, compleatly manned and furnished with all kinds of Arms: But at length coming to an Engagement, they were totally defeated by means of a Stratagem the *Romans* made use of, who with Scythes fixed to the end of long Poles, cut to pieces their Rigging, and deprived them of the Use of their Sails, whereon they greatly depended; which Victory was followed by the entire Reduction of that People to the Power of *Cæsar*.

subdued

by Cæsar's Stratagem.

In the declining Times of the *Roman* Empire, the *Goths* of several Denominations leaving their Habitations in the North, came down in Swarms to the *Roman* Frontiers, and at length penetrating them in several Places, got down to the Shores of the *Mediterranean*, and providing themselves of Fleets, grew very powerful there, and crossing over to *Africa*, possessed themselves of its Coasts on that Sea, in all Parts whereof they committed great Depredations, and maintain'd long Naval Wars with the *Roman* Emperors.

The Goths.

Their Naval Wars and Depredations.

About the same times the *Cimbri* and *Saxons*, who inhabited the Country now called *Denmark*, and the North-West Parts of *Germany*, employed very numerous Fleets of small Ships on the *German* Ocean, on which frequently embarked great Multitudes of those then barbarous Nations, and made Descents on the Coasts of *Flanders*, *France*, and *Britain*, and committed many Disorders on the interjacent Seas; till invited by the Inhabitants of the Southern Parts of *Britain* to aid them against their Countrymen of the North, at length the greatest Number of them settled and established themselves there.

The Saxons and Cimbri (i. e. Cambrians.)

Invasions of Britain, &c.

The Saracens
with a Naval
Force

take Cyprus,
Rhodes, &c.

Syracuse,

Barbary,

Spain,

Capua,
Genoa, &c.

Beat the Ve-
netians, &c.

Note.

The Norman
Fleets infest

the Ocean,
Mediterra-
nean,
Flanders,
France, &c.

About two Centuries after this, the *Saracens*, originally of *Ara-
bia*, became a formidable Nation, and very potent at Sea. They
soon extended their Conquests over *Syria* and *Ægypt*, and sailing
from *Alexandria* with a numerous Fleet, took the Islands of *Cyprus*
and *Rhodes*, and passing into the *Archipelago*, seized and plundered
many of the Islands there. From thence they went into *Sicily*,
took *Syracuse*, spoiled the Sea Coasts, burnt and destroyed the in-
land Country, and at length with immense Multitudes overran all
Barbary, from *Ægypt* to the Streights of *Gibraltar*; when pas-
sing over into *Spain*, they reduced it wholly to their Obedience,
except *Asturia* and *Biscay*. Breaking into *Italy*, they took *Capua*
and *Genoa*, and laid waste all the adjacent Coasts. A very confi-
derable Fleet of the *Venetians* which was sent out against them,
they engaged off *Sicily*, and took or destroyed the most part of it
with great Slaughter. By the prosperous Condition of their Sea
Affairs chiefly, they at length arrived to such a Height of Power,
as that their Dominions at one time extended from the Gulph of
Persia to the Bay of *Cadiz*: And of the Numerousness of their
Fleets we may well judge by that wherewith *Muhavias*, one of
their celebrated Leaders, invaded and took *Cyprus*, which con-
sisted of *seventeen hundred Sail*.

Toward the Decline of the *Saracen* Power, the *Normans*, a Peo-
ple of *Norway*, left their frozen Habitations, and infesting the O-
cean and Mediterranean Seas with numerous Fleets, render'd them-
selves formidable to all maritime People. They cruelly ravaged
and laid waste the Coasts of *Flanders*, *France*, *Spain*, and *Italy*;
and at length obliged the *French* to assign them a Country to settle
in, the same that is now from them called *Normandy*.

C H A P. VIII.

*Of the Venetians, Pisans, Genoese, Portugese, Spaniards,
and Dutch.*

Venetians.

Their Origin-
nal,

Situation,

and Naval
Affairs.

Possess'd Can-
dia,

MUCH about the time of the *Saxons* before-mention'd Settle-
ment in *Britain*, was founded the City of *Venice* on a
Cluster of Islands at the bottom of the *Adriatick*, by the principal
Inhabitants of *Aquileia*, *Padua*, and the neighbouring Cities of that
part of *Italy*, who retired with their Effects into those Islands, be-
fore uninhabited, to avoid the Fury of *Attila*, King of the *Huns*,
then laying waste the Country with an Army of 500000 Men.
Their Situation and the Necessity of their Affairs soon obliged them
to an Application to Naval Concerns, wherein they had very good
Success, and in a short time grew potent at Sea. They possessed
themselves of several Ports in *Greece* and *Syria*; and for the good
Services rendered by their Fleet to Christendom in the Holy War,
the Island *Candia* was given to them as a Reward. They were also
Masters

Masters of *Cyprus* for many Years, and for some Ages enjoyed all the Trade to *Egypt, Syria, Arabia, Persia, and India*; the Commodities of which latter Countries were brought over-land to *Aleppo* and *Damascus*, and thence to *Scanderoon*, and other Ports of *Syria*. They had long Wars with the Republick of *Genoa*, their Rival in Naval Power and Commerce; and after many sharp Conflicts gained the Superiority over them they still maintain. The modern Discovery of the Passage to *India* round *Africa* by the *Portuguese*, deprived *Venice* of the Benefit of its rich Trade, but it nevertheless continues to this time a very flourishing Republick, is Mistress of a considerable Naval Force, and is one of the strongest Barriers of Christendom against the Power of the Turk.

Cyprus, &c.
Their ancient Commerce,
War with Genoa,
Trade, &c. at this Day.

The People of *Pisa* in *Tuscany*, after the Declension of the Empire, made themselves Masters of a Naval Force, and by means thereof subdued *Sardinia*, took *Carthage*, seized several Ports in *Sicily*, and with a Fleet of three hundred Gallies reduced the Islands of *Majorca, Minorca, and Iwyca*. They resisted the *Saracen* Power very vigorously, and in some Engagements worsted them; but having been long at Variance with the *Genoese*, they at length obtained the Superiority, by a great Defeat given them near the Isle of *Malora*, off of *Leghorn*, which the *Pisans* never recovered.

The Pisans
reduce Sardinia,
Carthage, Sicily, &c.
resist the Saracens,
but subdued by the Genoese.

After the Dissolution of the *Roman Empire*, when *Genoa* erected itself into a Republick, her Inhabitants very industriously applied themselves to augmenting their Commerce, and increasing their Naval Force. In a short time they possessed themselves of the Islands of *Corsica* and *Sardinia*, but the *Saracens* being then very formidable, made a considerable stand against them. In *Syria* their Fleet reduced most of the Maritime Towns to their Obedience; and in *Spain*, whither, as we have before observed, the *Saracens* had spread themselves, they took *Almeria* and *Tortosa*, with several other Sea Ports, as also the Island of *Minorca*, with great Slaughter of the Infidels. They were also Masters of *Chios, Lesbos*, and many other Islands in the *Archipelago*, together with *Theodosia* (now *Cassa*) in *Little Tartary*; by which great Acquisitions they became so considerable as to rival the *Venetians* in their Trade and Naval Power, and maintained long Wars with them on that account, but were at length forced to yield to the superior Genius of that Republick: And of all their foreign Possessions they retain now only the Island of *Corsica*.

The Genoese
reduced Corsica and Sardinia,
Coasts of Syria and Spain,
Almeria and Tortosa, Minorca, Chios, Lesbos, &c.
Cassa.
But are reduced by the Venetians,
Corsica.

The *Portuguese* discovering the Navigation to *India* by the Cape of *Good Hope*, as hath been observed, occasion'd the great Decrease of the *Venetian* and *Genoese* Naval Power and Commerce; the Chanel of the rich *India* Trade, then the chief Support of those Commonwealths, being turned quite another way. The *Portuguese* thus becoming the most considerable People at Sea, they discovered and took Possession of the Islands of *Azores, Maderas, and Cape Verde*, with others of less Note in the Ocean, established themselves in the most advantageous Places for Trade all along the Coast of *Africa*, and made several Settlements in *Arabia, Persia, and India*.

Portuguese.
Their Navigation to the East Indies,
Possess the Azores, Madagas, Isles of Cape Verde, and Coasts of Africa, Arabia, Persia, India.

India, subduing many of the Maritime Provinces, and entirely reducing to their Obedience several of the *Indian* Islands. They likewise in *America* peopled the Coast of *Brazil* with Colonies of their own, about nine Years after the first Discovery of other parts of that Continent in 1492, by *Christopher Columbus*, a *Genoesse*, in the Service of the King of *Spain*.

From that time are we to date the Naval Power the Kings of *Spain* were for many Years Masters of, the reducing of the Countries discovered, planting in them Colonies of *Spaniards*, and improving them by Trade, obliging that Nation to apply themselves to Sea Affairs. The Accession of the Crown of *Portugal*, and the Dominions thereto belonging, was a mighty increase of the *Spanish* Power both by Sea and Land, which happened under *Philip* the 2^d, and then it was that he, aiming at Universal Empire, and knowing the best step towards it was the subduing to his Obedience those who were most to be feared at Sea, fitted out that formidable Armada, which *English* Valour, and the Anger of Heaven utterly destroyed.

Then had lately risen up, under the auspices of Queen *Elizabeth*, the Republick of the United Provinces, who made an early Application to Naval Affairs, and, by quick Advances, became one of the most considerable Powers that ever flourished at Sea. From the King of *Spain*, and his then Subjects the *Portuguese*, they took many of the *Indian* Islands, destroyed most of their Colonies, and supplanted them in the best part of their Trade, and at this time they enjoy the most extensive and advantagious Commerce of any Nation of the World, not excepting even *Great Britain* itself, to which they are well able to be either a useful Ally or formidable Enemy; and, on account of their Naval Strength, bear almost as considerable a Weight in the Balance of Power in *Europe* as any of the Princes in it.

C H A P. IX.

Of the Swedes, Danes, Muscovites, Turks, French and English.

THERE are not any People better furnished with Materials for Shipping than the *Swedes*, their Country abounding not only with useful Timber of all kinds, but with numerous Mines of the best Iron in the World, and producing great Quantities of excellent Tar and Hemp. In the War that *John* the 3^d King of *Sweden* had with *Denmark*, he is said to have maintained a Fleet of seventy large Ships, besides several smal ones, on Board of which were 18000 Men. The ordinary Naval Strength of that Kingdom is reckon'd to consist of about forty Ships of War, the greatest number carrying from fifty to one hundred Guns, most of which, in time of Peace, lye

up

up at *Carelscreon*, a fine Harbour in the Province of *Bleking*, very well fortified. Carelscreon Harbour.

The Kings of *Denmark* are Masters of a great number of Islands, and a large extent of Country along the Ocean, especially since *Norway* was annexed to that Crown, and have for many Ages had a considerable Sea Force, of which the Histories of our own Nation can bear good Testimony. In the Year 1564, the *Danes* obtained a signal Victory over the *Swedish* Fleet, and took their Admiral Prisoner, together with his Ship called the *Nonsuch*, mounted, as 'tis said, with two Hundred Guns: And it is related, that *Christian* the 3^d, upon the Instances of the *French* King *Henry* the 2^d, aided the *Scots* with a Fleet of a Hundred Sail, manned with 10000 Men, against the *English*. The King of *Denmark* is said now to have in the *Bafon* of *Copenhagen* six and thirty Ships of the Line of Battle, fifteen or sixteen Frigates, eight or ten Fireships, and some Bomb Vessels, and he exercises a Dominion on a part of the *Baltick* Sea, levying a Toll on all Merchant Ships that pass into it by the *Streight* of the *Sound*, which he commands by the Castle of *Cronenburg*. Danes.
Their Sea Force.
Beat the Swedes.
Fleets at Copenhagen, &c.
Cronenburg's Castle.

The Naval Forces of these two Potentates of *Denmark* and *Sweden* is pretty near an Equality for deciding their frequent Differences; but the Preservation of the Peace of *Europe*, oftentimes obliges *England* and *Holland* to interpose with their formidable Fleets, and put an end to their Quarrels. Balance of Power.

But within these few Years is risen up in those Parts of the World a new Naval Power, that of *Muscovy*, which in a short time is arrived to that Perfection which the *Dane* and *Swede* have been so many Ages acquiring, and this entirely owing to the unwearied Industry, and even Personal Labour of the present *Czar*: a Prince of a vast and enterprizing Genius, who is wholly bent on improving the advantageous Situation of his large Empire for Trade, and cultivating the Manners of his before barbarous Subjects, by the Introduction of the learned Sciences, and the Arts of War and Commerce. What will be the event of the Accession of so great a Power by Sea and Land, in the Hands of a Prince, Master of so wide a Dominion, peopled with such infinite Multitudes, and what Alterations in the Affairs and Interests of *Europe* it may occasion, I leave to the Politicians to discuss, and proceed in the next place to the Naval Affairs of the *Turks*. Muscovites Naval Force,
owing to the present Czar

That People, as *Sir Paul Ricaut* tells us, abound with all imaginable Conveniences for a Sea Power, having all sorts of Materials fit for Navigation, as Cordage, Pitch, Tar, and Timber, within their own Dominions, which are easily brought to *Constantinople*, with little or no risque from their Enemies. For Timber, the vast Woods along the Coasts of the *Black* Sea, and parts of *Asia*, at the bottom of the Gulph of *Nicomedia* supply them; Pitch, Tar, and Tallow are brought to them from *Albania* and *Walachia*; Canvas and Hemp from *Grand Cairo*. Their Ports are several of them convenient for erecting both Ships and Gallies: The *Arsenal* at *Constantinople* hath no less than one hundred thirty seven Chambers The Turks have the Conveniences of all Naval Stores.
Ports and A. Arsenal.

for Building, where so many Vessels may be on the Stocks at the same time. At *Sinopoli*, *Midia*, and *Anchiale*, Cities on the Black Sea, are other Arsenals; and in many Parts of the *Propontis*, the *Hellespont*, and the *Bosphorus*, are such Ports and Conveniences for Shipping, as if all things had conspir'd to render *Constantinople* happy, and not only capable of being Mistress of the Earth, but formidable in all Parts of the Ocean. These Advantages the Turks for many Years made use of, and were very potent at Sea; but their ill Success against the *Venetians* in the last Age has very much decreased their Naval Force; so that they have not for many Years past been able to equip above one hundred Gallies, which together with some Ships of War, and the Auxiliaries from *Tripoli*, *Tunis*, and *Algier*, tho' (compared with that of some other States) it may appear a considerable Number, yet, happily for Christendom, it is in no degree proportionable to the Power that Empire has by Land, and its natural Advantages to enjoy the like by Sea.

It was but in the last Age, under the Ministry of the great Cardinal *Richelieu*, that *France* took any Steps toward attaining a considerable Power at Sea. Before his time the *French* are not ashamed to confess they had so few Ships, and those so ill equipped, that they were but of very little Importance; and that they were therefore obliged, with no less Dishonour than Expence, to borrow or hire Ships of foreign Nations to defend them from their Enemies. To remedy this Defect, that Minister laid out great Sums of Money for building in *Holland* several Ships of War, and for clearing many of the Sea Ports in the *Ocean* and *Mediterranean*, and erecting Naval Magazines. His Conduct herein was diligently pursued by his Successor in the Ministry, Cardinal *Mazarine*, but more especially by the late *French* King, who with unwearied Application carried on his Design of being Master of a good Naval Force, and at length obtained it, but not without the Assistance of a neighbouring Court, lull'd in a supine Security by his Artifices; who, if they would not endeavour to quell the growing Power of so formidable a Neighbour, at least should not industriously have furnished him with Weapons for their own Destruction. Which false Step in the Politicks this Nation has more than once had reason to repent, as will appear in the Sequel of our History.

And now we are at length come home to *Britain*, the Queen of Isles, and Mistress of the Ocean; for we may justly pronounce her to be at this time the Possessor of a much greater Naval Power than any other Nation does, or ever did enjoy. Of this the Reader will have been already convinced, from the Account of the State of our Navy in the Preface to this Work; so that here there will not be occasion to say any thing more, than to take notice of the vast Increase thereof during the last Century, which will be very conspicuous, if we compare with the present the Naval Force in the times of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James* the First. The Merchant-Ships of the Kingdom were then esteemed the principal Part of our maritime Power, of which in the twenty fourth Year of Queen *Elizabeth* were reckoned one hundred and thirty five, many of them

of five hundred Tuns each; and in the beginning of King *James's* Reign 'twas computed there were four hundred, but those not of so great Burthen. As to the Ships of War belonging to the Crown in the time of the first of these Princes, their Number was thirteen, to which eleven were added by the latter, the Names whereof we shall here set down from Sir *Walter Raleigh*, as thinking it not improper to give place in this Work to a List of the Royal Navy of *England* in those times of its Minority. They were these.

Navy of England.

Temp. Eliz. & Jac. I.

Under Queen Elizabeth.

Added by King James the I.

The *Triumph*,
The *Elizabeth-Jonas*,
The *White Bear*,
The *Philp and Mary*,
The *Bonadventure*,
The *Golden Lion*,
The *Victory*,
The *Revenge*,
The *Hope*,
The *Mary-Rose*,
The *Dreadnought*,
The *Minion*,
The *Swiftsure*.

The *Antelope*,
The *Foresight*,
The *Swallow*,
The *Handmaid*,
The *Jennet*,
The *Bark of Boulogne*,
The *Aid*,
The *Achates*,
The *Falcon*,
The *Tiger*,
The *Bull*.

From this general View of the People who have in all Ages been most considerable in Naval Affairs, and the several Instances of their Exercise of a Dominion on the Sea, it will be no improper Transition to pass on to the Proof of that Claim the Kings of *Britain* make to the Dominion of the *British* Seas; and preliminary to that, to discuss the Question, whether the Sea be capable of private Dominion, and can have particular Proprietors? This Argument hath, to the Honour of our Nation, been long since most accurately handled by that Prodigy of Learning Mr. *Selden*, in a Treatise professedly written thereon; to which there cannot any thing well be added. But having in the Perusal of some Papers of the *Cottonian* Library met with a Dissertation on the same Subject, wherein the Argument is reduced to a narrow Compass, I could not dispense with my self from communicating the Substance of it to the Reader, which I shall do in the two following Chapters.

• Mare Clausum.

C H A P. X.

Of the Dominion of the Sea in general.

Touching the
Dominion of
the Sea.

Propriety in
the Sea prov'd
by Arguments.

1. Ex Necessitate.

2. Ex Legge.

Dominion of
the sea prov'd
1. From the
Divine Law.
Gen. 1. 26.

Gen. 9. 25.

Gen. 27. 29.

THE Truth of this Proposition, *That the Sea is capable of private Dominion, and can have particular Proprietors*, is, saith my Author, in itself so clear, that there needeth not any great Pains to illustrate it: For (besides that the general Practice of Time hath familiarized the Notion hereof to us, and made it evident by way of Fact) it must be acknowledged that to exempt the Sea from the Jurisdiction of proprietary Lords, would have no other Effect than the giving a Liberty to Mankind at their Pleasure to become Pirates, and thereby render them in no better a Condition than the Fishes of the Sea, the larger whereof devour the less.

Wherefore, although some there are who have attempted to prove that every Part of the Sea, and the Shores thereof, are equally publick to all Men, without Distinction of Bounds, or severd Interest; yet the irresistable Argument of Necessity (*quæ dat, non accipit legem*) which gives, and not receives Law, may save any Man the labour of confuting an Assertion which doth so inevitably subvert the very Frame of human Society, which cannot subsist without Order; nor can there be any Order where Interests are confounded, and where Command and Obedience are left arbitrary and undetermin'd.

Before I enter on the Title of our own Princes to the Propriety of the Seas of *Great Britain*, I shall first touch upon the general Right of others to those Parts of the Sea which approach their several Territories; and in as brief a manner as may be, produce Authorities from the *Law Divine, Natural, and Civil*, to prove this their Claim justifiable from the Creation.

We find, by undeniable Proof, that the Stamp of Sovereignty was by God himself set upon Man at the time of his Creation. *Let us make Man in our Image, after our Likeness, and let them have Dominion over the Fish of the Sea, and over the Fowl of the Air, and over the Cattel, and over all the Earth.*

And this was afterwards accordingly exercis'd by divine Ordinance, not only over all other Creatures and Works of God, but also among Men themselves in the narrow Room of two, of three, of an Houle, of a Nation. This farther appears from the Terms *Noah* us'd when he branded *Canaan*, and said, *Cursed be Canaan, a Servant of Servants shall he be unto his Brethren*. Thus the Masters of Families, the Tops of Kindreds, the Founders of Nations, being endued and qualified from the beginning, not only with Names of Honour, but Power of Direction and Command, Sovereignty upon the numerous Propagation of Mankind dilated itself by God's Appointment over Multitudes of Places and Nations, according to the Blessing given in the plural Number by *Isaac* to his Son, *Let People serve thee, and Nations bow down to thee*. So that we

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can trace the Footsteps of Sovereignty beyond the times of *Nimrod*, even from the first Intention of God to give Man Being.

No reasonable Man can suppose that the Title and supreme Power of Princes is to be generally held an Usurpation contrary to divine Institution, when he shall find that to be the Father of Kings is singled out by God himself as the most eminent of his worldly Blessings; for so God speaking unto *Abraham*, tells him, *That Kings should go out of him*; and of *Sarah*, *That Kings of the People should arise from her*: From whence it is evident, that as in Proportion of Dignity the divine Law makes not all Men alike, nor in gross esteemeth them all at an even rate or worth, as not intending equal Capacities to all Men, but that some should be qualified for Government, and others adapted for Subjection and Obedience: so, likewise, for Distinction of Proprieties in all things real and personal, it cannot be doubted but that *Meum* and *Tuum*, Terms of Severalty, began to be in use as soon as there were several Persons to claim several Interests; for certainly *Cain's Sheaf* was not properly *Abel's*, nor the *Fat of Abel's Sheep Cain's*. That which was the Father's was not in Propriety the Son's, much less a Stranger's; for *Isaac* received his Father *Abraham's* Goods by way of Gift, who disposed of some other Parts thereof, as best liked him, to the rest of his Children. Nor were the Kinfinen's Goods those of the Uncle; for though *Lot* lived under the Tuition of *Abraham*, yet saith the Text, *And Lot also who went with Abraham had Flocks, and Herds, and Tents*. As to the Goods of *Bera* King of *Sodom*, *Abraham* disdain'd a thred, even to a Latchet of a Shoe. And as for the appropriating of real Possessions and Inheritances, if we doubt whether the Divisions of Lands or Countries made by the Sons of *Noah* were made by divine Ordinance, (of whom the Scripture saith, *By these the Isles of the Gentiles were divided in their Lands, &c.*) Yet we shall find presently after, that it was not only the Act of God himself to disperse Mankind over several Parts of the Earth, (*The Lord scattered them abroad upon the Face of all the Earth*) and to allot different Habitations for several Nations and Families to dwell in, but that he also set out the Land of *Canaan* by Bounds to the Posterity and Tribes of *Israel*; and, more than all this, inflicted a Curse upon him who should remove the Mark-Stone of his Neighbour, so to encroach upon or confound the proper Interest of another Man. In fine, seeing that Law, which, as *St. Paul* saith, was written in the Heart of Man at his Creation, and was afterwards published by *Moses* to the *Israelites*, commandeth not only the honouring of some Persons above others, but forbiddeth Stealth, and generally all indirect taking or coveting what is another Man's, it inevitably followeth, that to throw down this Inclosure by making all things common, and annihilating particular Interests, is at once to raze three express Commandments out of the Decalogue, and to confound that which God by his primary and divine Law would have distinguish'd. And therefore since these Words, *Subdue the Earth*, are not to be understood, as that all Men in common were to be Lords alike of every Part thereof, it cannot be conceived

Gen. 17. 6.

Gen. 17. 16.

Gen. 4. 3. 4. 5.

Gen. 25. 5. 6.

Gen. 13. 5.

Gen. 10. 5.

Gen. 11. 8.

Vide Joshua,
ch. 13, 14,
15. &c.

Deut. 27. 17.

Rom. 2. 14.

15.

Exod. 20. 17.

Gen. 1. 28.

Gen. 1. 26. conceived that the Words immediately following, *Have Dominion over the Fishes of the Sea*, should give equal Interest and Propriety in every Part of the Sea to all Men without Distinction; for every Man must confess that Stealth and Injuries done on the Sea, are equally as much against Justice and divine Precept, as those done upon the Land; and therefore those Princes whose Territories border upon any part of the Sea, have the same relation to Justice and Order as well on the one as on the other, and may with equal Authority of divine Law hold and enjoy the Sovereignty of the same, as of those Territories and Countries which properly belong unto their Crowns; for the Precept of the Apostle, *which willeth all things to be done honestly and in order*, being general, comprehendeth Actions to be done as well at Sea as on Land; which without the supreme and binding Power of Princes, cannot possibly be effected. And since that Interest which Time hath given to Kings and others in several Parts of the Earth is not held injurious to divine Law, surely it cannot be proved that the Propriety which Princes claim by the like Act of Time in any Part of the Sea, is by the same Law less justifiable; nor is it to be conceived why Rivers and Inlets of the Sea should admit Proprietary Owners, who have an exclusive Interest both in the Shores, the Passage, and Fishing within the same, and all this warranted by divine Law, as is not deny'd; and yet that Princes and others may not have the like Propriety in the Seas neighbouring upon their Territories.

1 Cor. 14. 40.

2. From the
Laws of Na-
ture and Na-
tions.

Thus then the Dominion of the Sea being warranted by divine Ordinance, it may seem unnecessary, though natural or civil Law should aver the contrary, to vouchsafe them Answer. But yet because some have endeavour'd to make the *Law of Nations*, or the *particular Law of Nature* the main Platform from whence to batter the Power of Princes on this Quarter, as supposing it to lie naked and indefensible against the Strength of that Law, which (as they say) hath left the Sea and every part thereof indifferently common to all Men, I shall make it appear that, even by the Law of Nature, this Claim and Right of Princes is without all danger of being forced. For first, seeing that which by the Strength of natural Reason hath been successively observed and assented to by all People, is properly termed the Law of Nature, it can never be satisfactorily proved that this imaginary Parity and Community of Things hath ever had that large Acceptance among Men, as that at any time it could procure universal Consent to give it Passage: For besides that we have in divine Story express Words to justify the contrary, as hath been already shewn; and that all succeeding Histories of Time generally disclaim any such *Anarchy*, or confused Commission of Power or Properties, and that we our selves see it disavow'd by the universal Practice of our Times, it cannot but give ample Satisfaction in this Point, that even those Men who are only guided by the Strength of natural Reason (as are the Nations of late discovered in Parts of the World not yet civilized) maintain Severalty in Dominion, and Propriety in Territory, House and Seed Plots, and even in Rivers and Seas, as far as their Power can extend, and gain them the Mastery.

The Americans, &c. observe the Rules of Propriety.

And

And more than this; though we grant the main and fundamental Ground work whereon this common Claim is raised, to be found, *viz.* That Nature at first did not distinguish several Interests and Proprieties in Things created, yet it followeth not, that by Apprehension, Occupation, mutual Agreement, or Constitution of Men, those things could not be appropriated, which by Nature were at first left without Owner; and that an acquired Right could not be gotten by Time, which was not settled in the Beginning. For we are to consider that although the Law of Nature be immutable, as touching the General, and that no Law of Man can make that lawful which is prohibited by the Law of Nature; yet it followeth not that in the Particular it may not suffer Alteration, and that those things which are permitted, or left at large by that Law, may not by positive Laws and human Constitutions be restrained or ascertained, especially such as are, in the Language of the Schools, said to be *Juris Naturalis negativè, quæ possunt uni potius quam alteri ex causâ concedi*; that is, negatively of the Law of Nature, which may on certain Accounts, Reasons, or Occasions, be granted to one Person rather than another.

How Propriety is founded.

The Sea then being of this kind of things, (*Quæ jure Gentium nullius sunt*) which by the Law of Nations belong to no private Person, it must necessarily follow, that Princes, by an acquir'd Right of Occupation, Concession, or other Titles, may claim some Parts thereof, as properly subject to their Dominion of Sovereignty, without violating the Law of Nature, or of Nations. For (I may add) *Quod nullius est, id ratione naturali occupanti conceditur, i. e.* That which has no Owner does, by natural Reason, become the Propriety of him who first seizes it,

Inst. l. 2. i. de Rerum div. §. litorum.

I pass on therefore to the Civil Law, which though it bind *Contractantes* only, that is, such as are Parties thereunto; and so we who disavow it, are no way compellable to observe it; yet out of it a Multitude of Quotations are mustered up, to make good this pretended Right of common Interest in all Parts of the Sea alike, which seem to stand in full Opposition to what I have before asserted, and with some Colour of Reason, till we consider when and by whom those Laws were first compiled; for in those times the Roman Emperors reputed themselves as common Fathers of the whole World, and that all Nations of that vast Empire were to them as of their Household and Family; and Rome her self being accordingly termed *communis Patria*, the common Country, it might very well stand with Justice and Reason, that Fellow-Citizens and Subjects should partake alike of the Commodities of the Sea, without any Mark of Difference, or Inequality of Interest; but from thence to conclude that the Emperors themselves were utterly debarr'd from having Propriety in any Part of the Sea, is to afford them less Power therein than that great Lawyer *Pomponius* alloweth to the *Prætor*, an under Officer, whose Words are, *Quamvis quod in litore publico, vel in mari extruxerimus nostrum fiat; tamen decretum Prætoris adhibendum est, ut id facere liceat*. Although what we build on the publick Shore, or in the Sea, may become

From the Civil Law.

Pomponius, l. quamvis D. de acquirend. rer. dominio.

ours, yet the Decree of the *Prator* must be obtained to make it lawful to do the same. So that there remained a disposing Power in the *Prator*, and consequently a Sovereignty superior in the Emperor; which Sovereignty upon better reason may be claimed by absolute Kings and Princes in their several Seas, than by the Emperors of *Rome* over the whole *Ocean*, as well in respect to the Protection they afford to those who pass within the Limits of their Command, as of their many Years Prescription, whereby their Claims by length of time are settled and confirmed. And therefore now, when several Parts of that Empire are devolved to proprietary Lords by just and lawful Titles, to give notwithstanding all Men a common Interest in every Part of the Sea, and to put the Reins of Power over the same equally into the Hands of all Men, were not only injuriously to take away that which of right appertaineth to Princes, but also to dissolve the Bands of Order and Justice, which when once growing uncertain by whom or on whom to be exercised, forsakes the World, and gives place to all Violence and Confusion.

In Consideration whereof, later Civilians, of greatest Note and Learning, have been forced to acknowledge, that Seas, as well as the Land, have their peculiar Lords and Owners, and this even by the Law of Nations. *Videmus* (saith *Baldus*) *de jure gentium in mari esse distincta dominia, sicut in terrâ aridâ*; that is, We see that by the Law of Nations there are distinct Dominions on the Sea, as well as on the dry Land. Nor is thus much confessed in general only, but some of them descend to more Particulars: As first for the Proportion of Extent, *Bartholus* assigns an hundred Miles of Sea (if the Breadth will carry it) to every Territory from the Main. Next, over this Proportion they not only give proprietary Lords Power, but in mannerly Terms tie them to undergo the Care of Protection. *Maris protectio ad omnes pertinet, sive principes sive populos, pro rata parte illius portionis quæ ad illos propius accedit, i. e.* All Princes and States have belonging to them the Protection of such Portion of the Sea as lies next to their Dominions. And lastly, they enforce a Right of Jurisdiction upon Princes in the Sea, which they cannot put off without renouncing those their Territories upon which the Sea coasteth. For first, *Insule in mari proxime adjacentes, & mare ipsum, ad centum usque milliaria, pro territorio districtuque illius regionis cui proxime appropinquat, assignatur*; that is, The nearest adjacent Islands, and the Sea itself, as far as a hundred Miles, are assigned for a Territory and District to that Country to which they lie nearest. And then *Jurisdiction territorio tanquam accidens materiæ necessariò tenaciterque coheret; i. e.* Jurisdiction docs as necessarily and tenaciously cohere with Territory, as Accident with Matter. So that if in the Sea there be distinct Dominions, and this Distinction express'd in a demonstrative Certainty, and in this Certainty Power given to Princes, both of Protection and Jurisdiction, what can be in effect more said, or more desired, for that Claim of Jurisdiction which Princes make in these our Days, to those Seas which wash the Coasts of their Kingdoms? For as Protection, by the Civil Law, draweth after it

Power

Baldus.

Bartholus.

L. 1. Cæs. de
Class. lib. 11.
tit. 12.Per l. Insul.
de Jud. & l.
Cæs. de pub.
& Bartholus
quâ supra.Per l. fin. de
juriss. & Bar-
tol. ad l. in-
ter eos. De
acquirend.
rer. domin.

Power to impose Taxes and Tributes, which in justice those who are protected ought to pay towards the Maintenance of their Protection, at least to acknowledge a Right of Power or Superiority in the Protector; so to Jurisdiction is *incompatibly* requisite the Power of Coercion by Mulct, Confiscation, corporal or capital Punishment, to restrain the Neglect or Breach of such Laws as are prescribed, the Institution thereof being altogether vain and fruitless, where there wanteth Authority to enforce Obedience and Execution. Insofar as within this large Extent of Sovereignty, even the particular Power (so stiffly by some controverted) of restraining the Passage and Fishing within some Parts of the Sea, upon just occasion, is necessarily comprized and included: For since the Sea bordering upon any Country is in the Nature of a Territory (as hath been before shewn) and that therein Princes by the Civil Law have a Right to impose and establish Laws, not only Enemies offering open Violence, but all others who shall refuse Obedience to such Orders and Conditions as by the rightful Owners are reasonably prescribed, may, by warrant of the Civil Law and Reason, be prohibited from passing within the same, until they shall regularly conform themselves. And as for the point of Fishing; whereas some object that therein not any one can have more Property than another, for that Fishes in the Sea are as the Birds in the Air, which cannot be appropiated, by reason of the Uncertainty of their Possession, being, as the Law saith, *proprie his that catcheth them (Volucres piscesq; jure gentium sunt capientium;)* yet it hath been allow'd to be warranted by the same Law, that *Qui venandi aucupandique gratia alienum fundum ingreditur, potest a domino fundi, si is præviderit, prohiberi ne is ingrediatur, i. e.* The Owner of any Ground may prohibit the Entry of any Person who would go upon it, in order to fish or fowl. And therefore, by the same reason, he who is a proprietary Lord of any bounded Part of the Sea, as annexed to his Crown, may lawfully prohibit Strangers from entering within the Limits of his Command, to take such Fish as are therein, the Maxim of the Law being, that *Quæ non differunt ratione, non differunt juris dispositione*, where the Reason is the same, so likewise is the Disposition of the Law. And this they may the rather do, for that Fishing, by the express Words of the Law, is acknowledged to be among the Regalities.

Yet although every Part of the Sea is not to all Men indifferently common, it cannot be denied but that it ought to be communicable, as created by God for the sake of Commerce, and the Convenience of Mankind; but so communicable, that it ought to be upon those fair Terms offered by *Moses* to the King of the *Amorites*, viz. *We will go by the King's High-way; Sell us Meat for Money, that we may eat; Give us Water for Money, that we may drink.* At least there ought to be an Acknowledgment of the Owner's supreme Right, and a Conformity in the Passengers to established Laws and Orders.

Propriety of
Passage,

and of Fishing

Inst. l. 2. de
rerum divif.
§. Feræ.

Numb. 21. 22.

Deut. 2. 27.
28.

C H A P. XI.

Of the Right of the Kings of Great Britain to the Sovereignty or Dominion of the British Seas.

*Kings of
Great Britain
their Domini-
on of the Sea.*

HAVING thus made it evident from the Law Divine, Natural and Civil, that the Sea is capable of private Dominion; proceed we next to shew that the Kings of *Great Britain* have an exclusive Propriety of Dominion in the British Sea, both as to the Passage through and Fishing within the same. For this there are so many evident and irresistible Proofs, as that no private or publick Person whatsoever, can produce better or more ample evidence to support and convey the right of his own Inheritance or any other thing he enjoyeth, than they can do for their Claim on this behalf; which may be made good by many irrefragable Arguments drawn, 1. From Prescription. 2. From the Common Law of this Realm. 3. From Ancient Records thereof. 4. From Authentick History. 5. From Treaties and Acknowledgments of other Princes. 6. From continued Possession and Disposition. And 7. From the Example of other Kingdoms and States; but here for Brevity's sake we shall retain only those Arguments that are deduced from Prescription, referring the Reader for the rest to the forementioned Work of *Selden*, who hath made use of them all.

*Provd from
Prescription.*

All that part of the Ocean which environs the Island of *Great Britain* is known in general by the name of the British Ocean, which is divided according to the Quarters of the World, into four Seas.

*Division of
the British
Ocean.*

1st. On the South is the *British Ocean*, properly so called; part whereof is that commonly termed the Channel flowing between *England* and *France*.

2^{dly}. On the East is the *German Ocean*, otherwise called the *North Sea*.

3^{dly}. On the North is that anciently known by the several names of the *Hyperborean*, *Deucalionian* and *Caledonian Ocean*, now the *Scotch Sea*. And

4^{thly}. On the West is that anciently called the *Norwegian Ocean*, (in which lies *Ireland*) that part whereof which flows between *England* and *Ireland*, being commonly called the *Irish Sea*, and the rest now swallowed up in the general name of the *Western* or *Atlantick Ocean*. Over the *British Ocean* the Kings of *England* have by immemorial Prescription call'd Sovereignty: For (omitting to deduce the Title to it which the *Saxon Kings*, by their becoming Masters of the Country, derived from the *Britains*; who on the *Romans* abandoning their Conquest, again succeeded to that right they had been in Possession of from remotest Ages) it can be proved, that divers of our said *Saxon Kings* have been in the absolute and actual Fruition of the entire Dominion of those Seas, of whom *Egbert* the 1st who call'd himself King of *England* in the Year 840, provided

provided himself with a strong Navy for the maintenance thereof, as *Alfred* did thirty or forty Years after.

Edgar had a very numerous Fleet, which he divided into several Squadrons, and employed to guard the Seas and secure the Coasts, assuming to himself the Title not only of King of *England*, but of all the Kings of the Islands, and of the Ocean lying round about *Britain*, as appears by an old Charter of his among the Patent Rolls of *Edward* the 4th.

Ethelred being invaded by *Swane* King of *Denmark*, caused every three hundred and ten Hides of Land a Ship to be built, which rendezvouzing at *Sandwich*, made the greatest Navy which had been known in this Isle at that time.

Knute the *Dane* took the like care (as did his Successors of the *Danish* Race after him) to preserve the Seas of the Kingdom in their former Estate, without admitting any of the Neighbouring Princes to have any Dominion in any part thereof; and so they remained in the time of *Edward* the Confessor, until the Conquest made by *William* Duke of *Normandy*, when the same Rights the preceding Princes were possessed of devolving to him, passed on to his Successors; who tho' they were for almost a Century and a half Lords of both Shores of the Channel, and so could not possibly have any others so much as to pretend to a share with them in the Dominion of that part of the *British* Sea, yet did not found their Right thereto on that Circumstance of their being Lords of both Shores, but possessed it as an inseparable Appendant unto the Crown of *England*, and by Reason and in Right of the said Kingdom. For in the time of *Edward* the 1st, who held not a Foot of Ground in *Normandy*, the Sovereignty of the Kings of *England* over the narrow Sea was not only challenged by him, but was also acknowledged by all other Neighbouring Nations to be his due from times beyond all Memory; as particularly appeareth by the Record of the said King *Edward* the first, in the thirtieth Year of whose Reign, Anno Dom. 1303. when *Philip* the Fair, the *French* King, sending forth certain Gallies and other Ships in aid of the *Flemings* against *Guy* Earl of *Flanders*, and Marshal of *Namure*, unto *Zurickzee*, under the Command of *Reyner Grimbaltz*, a *Genoeze*, creating him by his Commission his Admiral, and he, by virtue of his said Commission, beginning to exercise Sovereign Jurisdiction in the narrow Sea, then called, even by the *French* themselves, *La mier d'Engleterre*, the Sea of *England*, and in *Latin*, *Mare Angliæ*; complaint was thereupon made both to the King of *France* and to the King of *England*, and certain Commissioners or Auditors, as the Record calleth them, were appointed by both Kings, to hear and redress such wrongs as had been done to the Passengers on the said Seas, to which Auditors the several Agents of divers Nations preferred a Bill of Complaint or Remonstrance (in the *French* of thosc times) to the purpose following, viz.

To you the Lords Commissioners, deputed by the Kings of England and France, to redress the Damages done to their Subjects by

Sea and Land in time of the late Peace and Truce, do most humbly Remonstrate the Procurators of the Prelates and Nobles, and of the Admiral of the English Seas, and of the Communities of Cities and Towns, as also of the Merchants, Mariners, Messengers, Inhabitant-Strangers, and of all others belonging to the Kingdom of England, and other Territories subject to the said King of England; as likewise the Inhabitants of other Maritime Places, viz. Genoa, Catalonia, Spain, Germany, Zealand, Holland, Frizeland, Denmark and Norway, and many other places of the Empire; that whereas the Kings of England, by right of the said Kingdom, have from time to time, whereof there is no Memorial to the contrary, been in peaceable Possession of the Sovereignty of the English Seas, and of the Islands situate within the same, with Power of Ordaining and Establishing Laws, Statutes, and Prohibitions of Arms, and of Ships otherwise furnished than Merchant Men use to be, and of taking Security, and giving Protection in all Cases where need shall require, and of Ordering all other things necessary for the maintaining of Peace, Right and Equity among all manner of People, as well of other Dominions as their own, passing through the said Seas, and the Sovereign Guard thereof; and also of taking all manner of Cognizance in Causes, and of doing Right and Justice to High and Low, according to the said Laws, Statutes, Ordinances and Prohibitions, and all other Things, which to the exercise of Sovereign Jurisdiction in the places aforesaid may appertain. And whereas ^a A. de B Admiral of the said Sea, deputed by the said King of England, and all other Admirals deputed by the said King of England, and his Ancestors formerly Kings of England, have been in peaceable Possession of the said Sovereign Guard, with Power of Jurisdiction, and all the other Powers beforementioned, (except in case of Appeal and Complaint made of them to their Sovereigns the Kings of England in default of Justice, or for evil Judgment) and especially of making Prohibitions, doing Justice, and taking security of good Behaviour from all manner of People carrying Arms on the said Sea, or sailing in Ships, otherwise fitted out and arm'd than Merchant Ships use to be, and in all other Cases, where a Man may have reasonable cause of suspicion towards them of Piracy, or other Misdoings. And whereas the Masters of Ships of the said Kingdom of England, in the absence of the said Admirals, have been in peaceable Possession of taking Cognizance, and Judging of all Facts upon the said Sea between all manner of People, according to the Laws, Statutes, Prohibitions, Franchises and Customs. And whereas in the first Article of the Treaty of Alliance, lately made between the said Kings at Paris, the words following are set down, viz. first of all it is agreed and concluded between us the Envoys and Agents above-mentioned, in the Names of the said Kings, that they shall be to each other for the future, good, true and faithful Friends and Allies, against all the World (except the Church of Rome) in such manner that if any one or more, whosoever they be,

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^a Coke *Inst.*
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be, shall go about to interrupt, hinder or molest the said Kings in the Franchises, Liberties, Privileges, Rights or Customs of them, and their Kingdoms, they shall be good and faithful Friends, and assist against all Men living, and ready to die, to defend, keep and maintain the above-mention'd Franchises, Liberties, Rights and Customs, &c. And that the one shall not be of Counsel, nor give Aid or Assistance, in any thing whereby the other may lose Life, Limb, Estate or Honour. And whereas Monsieur Reyner Grimbaltz, Master of the Ships of the said King of France, who calls himself Admiral of the said Sea, being deputed by his Sovereign aforesaid, in his War against the Flemings, did (after the above-mention'd Alliance was made, and ratified, and against the Tenor and Obligation of the said Alliance, and the Intention of those who made it) wrongfully assume and exercise the Office of Admiralty in the said Sea of England above the space of a Year, by Commission from the said King of France, taking the Subjects and Merchants of the Kingdom of England, and of other Countries, passing upon the said Seas, with their Goods, and did cast the Men so taken into the Prisons of his said Master the King of France, and by his own Judgment and Award did cause to be deliver'd their Goods and Merchandizes to Receivers, establish'd for that purpose in the Sea Ports of the said King, as Forfeited and Confiscate to him; and his taking and detaining the said Men with their said Goods and Merchandizes, and his Judgment and Award on them as Forfeited and Confiscate, hath pretended in Writing to justify before you the Lords Commissioners, by Authority of the aforesaid Commission for the Office of Admiral by him thus usurped, and against the general Prohibition made by the King of England in places within his Power, in pursuance of the third Article of the before-mention'd Alliance, containing the Words above written: This Article being in the Record omitted, it is therefore necessary for the understanding of this second Plea of Monsieur Grimbaltz concerning the Prohibition, to observe, that it was by the said Article agreed, That neither of the contracting Parties should give any Aid or Assistance to the Enemies of the other, nor suffer the same to be given in any manner of way in any of their Territories or Places within their Power, and that they should forbid the same to be done, on pain of Forfeiture of Body and Goods in the Offenders; which King Edward having accordingly forbid on his part, Monsieur Grimbaltz pretended that all such as, after that Prohibition, relieved the *Flemings* by Merchandize or otherwise, were to be esteem'd as Enemies, of whatsoever Nation they were; and that he having taken none but the Persons and Goods of such, conceiv'd himself to have Permission so to do by virtue of the foresaid Prohibition, whereby the King had in effect declared (as he interpreted it) that he would not take it for an Injury to himself, during that Alliance and Prohibition, although the *French* should fall upon any of their Enemies in his Dominion, or which is all one here, though they should be taken in his Sea by the *French* King's Officers. And hath therefore required that he may

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be acquitted and absolved of the same, to the great Damage and Prejudice of the said King of England, and of the Prelates, Nobles and others before-mention'd; wherefore the said Procurators do, in the names of their said Lords, pray you the Lords Commissioners before-mention'd, that due and speedy delivery of the said Men, Ships, Goods, and Merchandizes, so taken and detain'd, may be made to the Admiral of the said King of England, to whom the Cognizance of this matter doth rightfully appertain, as is above-said, that so, without Disturbance from you, or any else, he may take Cognizance thereof, and do what belongs to his aforesaid Office; and that the aforesaid Monsieur Reyner may be condemned, and constrained to make due satisfaction for all the said Damages, so far forth as he shall be able to do the same; and in default thereof, his said Master the King of France, by whom he was deputed to the said Office; and that after due Satisfaction shall be made for the said Damages, the said Monsieur Reyner may be so duly punished for the Violation of the said Alliance, as that the same may be an Example to others for time to come.

King of England's Dominion,

This Acknowledgment (as my Author hath truly observed) is possibly the most remarkable Authority of Antiquity of the like Nature which any Prince can produce; by which it appeareth that the Kings of *England* had then been by Prescription of Time immemorial, in the actual Possession of the Sovereign Dominion of the narrow Sea, both in prescribing Laws, granting of safe Conduicts, keeping of the Peace, and judging of all kind of Persons and Actions, as well their own Subjects as Strangers, within the said Sea; and that this Dominion does inseparably belong to the Kings of *England* (*par raison du dit Royaume*, says the Record) by right of the said Kingdom; and that, under the said Kings, their several Admirals were to judge of all Facts, and Persons within the Sea aforesaid, from whom lay no Appeal, but only to their Sovereign Lords the Kings of *England*; and that in the Absence of the said Admirals, the Masters of the King's Ships were to be Judges as aforesaid: As also that the Kings of *France*, who of any other might best pretend a Right, could not justify so much as the making of an Admiral, but only a Master of his Navy in these Seas: And thus is the Claim of the Kings of *England* to the Dominion of this Part of the *British* Sea made good by the unanimous Acknowledgment of divers neighbouring Nations, *viz. Italy, Spain, Germany, Zeeland, Holland, Frizeland, Denmark, Norway*, and others.

and his Admirals's Jurisdiction

Seeing therefore that although, in the case of Prescription, it is sufficient for him who is in Possession to stand upon the affirmative without farther Proof; yet having this general Confession, and Acknowledgment from abroad, to second and fortify our Right, we may confidently affirm, that our pretensions to this Sovereignty over the narrow Sea is not a bare Assertion, and Uturpation of our own, but the evident Work of Time, and of that Continuance too, that we are not able to assign how, and when it began; but that we have ever had and enjoy'd the same for many hundreds of Years, without so much as any pretended Claim of other Kings or Nations.

in the narrow Seas

And

And as for the other Parts of the *British* Ocean, it must needs follow, in reason, that if the *French* King, a Neighbour within view, who might perhaps have Colour to claim an Interest of Dominion in the narrow Sea, half Seas over, was, notwithstanding, debarr'd from any Right thereunto, much more must any other Pretenders be foreclosed from having a Title to those Parts of our Seas, which for the most part have no opposite Neighbours within many hundreds of Leagues. But yet, for further Satisfaction herein, to make it appear that the Ancestors of our Kings were, and esteem'd themselves Lords in fact of every Part of the surrounding Ocean; the Commission granted by *Edward* the III. to *Geffrey de Say*, in the tenth Year of his Reign, by the Addition of the word *Circumquaque*, or round about, manifestly expresseth the Resolution of that time; so much of which Commission as serveth for our purpose is as followeth, “ *Rex dilecto & fideli suo Galfrido de Say, Admirallo Flotæ suæ navium ab ore aquæ Thamisiæ versus partes occidentales, Salutem. Cum nuper vobis, &c. Nos advertentes quod Progenitores Nostri Reges Angliæ Domini Maris Anglicani circumquaque, & etiam defensores contra hostium invasiones ante hæc tempora extiterint, & plurimum Nos tæderet si honor Noster Regius in defensione hujusmodi nostris (quod absit) depereat temporibus, aut in aliquo minuatur, &c. Mandamus firmiter injungendo, quod statim visis presentibus, & absque ulteriore dilatione, naves portuum prædictorum, & alias naves quæ jam paratæ existunt supra mare teneatis, &c.* That is, “ The King to the trusty and well-beloved *Geffrey de Say*, Admiral of his Fleet of Ships from the Mouth of the River *Thames* Westward, Greeting. Whereas lately, &c. We taking into our Consideration that our Progenitors, the Kings of *England*, have been in times past Lords of the *English* Sea round about, and also Defenders thereof against the Invasion of Enemies; and for that it would be very grievous to us to have our Royal Honour in Defence thereof lost, or suffer any Diminution in our Time, (which God forbid) &c. We strictly charge and require you, that immediately upon Sight of these Presents, and without any further Delay, you do put to Sea with the Ships belonging to our Ports, aforesaid, and such other Ships as are now ready, &c.

and British Ocean.

Edw. III.'s Commission to Geffrey de Say.

And for further Proof of the Right of our Kings to the Sovereignty of the Seas round about, they have successively constituted Admirals and Governours, as well over other Parts of our Seas, as in the Chanel between us and *France*. In ancient Times there were for the most part two, and sometimes three Admirals appointed in the Seas of *England*, all of them holding the Office *durante beneplacito*, and each of them had particular Limits under their Charge and Government. The first was Admiral of the Fleet of Ships from the Mouth of the *Thames* Northward, *viz.* to the Northward of *Scarborough*; and so was *William Ufford* in the sixth Year of *Edward* the III, and divers others before and after him.

Commission to English Admirals

of the North,

The second was Admiral of the Fleet from the Mouth of the *Thames* Westward, *viz.* to the furthest Part of *Cornwall*, and so

of the South,

to the utmost Verge of *Ireland*; as was *Geffrey de Say* before-mention'd, *William Montague* in the forty ninth of *Edward* the III, and many others before and since their Times.

And, besides these Admirals, we find that the Cinque-Ports have had theirs likewise; for so was *William Latimer* in the seventh of *Edward* the III. who is styled in the Record, *Admiralis Quinque Portuum*; and sometimes we find all these centered in one Man; for Sir *John Beauchamp*, Earl of *Warwick*, was in the thirty fourth of *Edward* the III, called Admiral of all the Fleets to the Southward, Northward, and Westward. But for the Style of *Admirallus Angliæ*, it was not frequent before the Reign of *Henry* the IV, in whose eleventh Year *Thomas Beauford*, Brother to the King, had that Title given him, which was afterwards used in all Commissions granted to the succeeding Admirals.

Yet some few there were who had the same Style given them before, though very sparingly, and with Intermission; for ^b*A de B*, in the time of *Edward* the I, was called *Admirall de la Mier d'Engleterre*, Admiral of the Sea of *England*, as appeareth by the Record before quoted at length. And *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*, in a Proclamation directed to the Sheriffs of *London*, requiring all Mariners to attend him at *Southampton*, is called *Admirallus Angliæ*, in the eleventh Year of *Richard* the II. So likewise was the Earl of *Rutland* in the ninetecnth Year of the said King: Not but that those other before-mention'd, who were only call'd Admirals of all the Fleets, &c. had as absolute Jurisdiction and Power over the Parts of the Seas assigned to their Charge, as any other who had more ample Titles. And it may be moreover observed, that there was a Style above that of the Admiral of *England*, which was, *Locumtenens Regis super mare*, or the King's Lieutenant-General of the Sea; and so was *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster*, Son to *Henry* the IV. Nay before that, in the eleventh Year of *Richard* the II, *Richard* Earl of *Arundel* had the like Title given to him. So far for my fore-mention'd Author.

C H A P. XII.

Of the Boundaries of the British Seas, the Extent of the Sea Dominion of the Kings of Great Britain, and the Right of the Flag; with some Observations concerning the Use of the Term, The British Seas, in Treaties.

HAVING thus set before the Reader the most considerable of the Arguments, by which the Title of the Kings of *Britain* to the Sovereignty and Dominion of the *British* Seas may be made good from Prescription; it will be proper in the next Place to give some Account of the Extent of those Seas. Their Boundaries on

of the Cinque-Ports.

^b De Bote-tort, says Coke, Instit. l. 4. before cited.

The Limits of the British Seas.

the East are the Shores of those Countries opposite to *Great Britain* on that side, *viz.* *Norway, Denmark, Germany,* and the *Netherlands*, by these Limits including that Part of the *British Seas* called the *German Ocean*, or *North Sea*. On the South they extend the opposite Shores of *France*, to those of *Spain* as far as *Cape Finisterre*, and to a Line drawn from that Cape, in the same Parallel of Latitude, to their Boundary on the West hereafter mention'd; thus taking in that Part of the *British Seas* which consists of the Chanel, the Bay of *Biscay*, and part of the *Atlantick Ocean*. For the West and North, if from the before-mention'd imaginary Line extending from *Cape Finisterre*, a Line be drawn, in the Longitude of twenty three Degrees West from *London*, to the Latitude of sixty three Degrees; and thence be drawn another, in that Parallel of Latitude, to the middle Point of the Land *Van Staten* in *Norway*, we may esteem these to be proper Boundaries of the *British Seas* on those Quarters, thereby taking in, to the West, that Part of them which consists of part of the *Atlantick Ocean*, and the *Irish Sea*, or *St. George's Chanel*; and, to the North that called the *Caledonian Ocean*, or *Scottish Sea*: And tho' the same Boundaries on the East and South, *viz.* the Shores of the opposite Countries, are also the Limits of the Sea Dominion of the Kings of *Great Britain* that way; yet, to the West and North, does that Dominion extend very much farther than the fore-mention'd Boundaries of the *British Seas* on those Quarters. For tho' (as *Mr. Selden* says) the vast Western and Northern Ocean (stretching out to so great a Latitude as to reach, on the one hand, the Shores of *America*; and, on the other, those of *Greenland*, and Parts utterly unknown) cannot all be called the *British Seas*, yet hath the King of *Great Britain* most ample Rights on both those Seas, beyond the Bounds of the *British Name*: As he most certainly has, even as far to the West, as *Newfoundland* and the adjacent Parts of *North America*, by virtue of first Invention and Occupancy thereof by *Sebastian Cabot* for *Henry the VII.* and of a more full Possession and Occupancy by *Sir Henry Gilbert* for *Queen Elizabeth*: And, to the North, as far as the Shores of *Greenland*, by virtue of the same Title of first Invention by *Sir Hugh Willoughby* for *Edward the VI.* and of the full Occupancy thereof, and the Discovery of the Use and Profit of those Seas in the Whale-Fishery, by the *English Muscovy-Company*, for *Queen Mary* and *Queen Elizabeth*. However within the Limits before laid down, ought ever to be required (and forced in case of Refusal) from all Ships or Vessels that the *British Ships of War* meet with on those Seas, the striking their Flag and lowering their Top-sail; or, where they have no Flag, the lowering their Top-sail only, in Acknowledgment of his Majesty's Sovereignty therein.

and

The Extent of the Sea Dominion of Great-Britain.

This Custom of striking the Flag, or Top-sail, has prevailed in the *British Seas*, likewise, by Prescription of Time immemorial, having been ever attendant on the Dominion thereof; and so is to be looked upon, not as an honorary Salute or Ceremony, but as an absolute Sign of the Acknowledgment of the Right of that Dominion.

The Duty of striking the Flag, &c.

Its Antiquity. mon. For the Antiquity of it, we have an ancient and ample Testimony in that memorable Record of King *John*, entitled, *The Ordinance at Hastings*, from the Place where it bore Date, in the second Year of his Reign, *Anno 1200*. By that it is declar'd, That if the Lieutenant of the King's Fleet, in any Naval Expedition, do meet with on the Sea any Ships or Vessels, laden or unladen, that will not hail and lower their Sails at the Command of the Lieutenant of the King, or the King's Admiral, or his Lieutenant, but shall fight with them of the Fleet, such, if taken, shall be reputed as Enemies, and their Ships, Vessels and Goods be seized and forfeited as the Goods of Enemies, notwithstanding any thing that the Masters or Owners thereof may afterwards come and alledge of such Ships, Vessels and Goods, being the Goods of those in Amity with our Lord the King: And that the common Sailors on board the same shall be punished for their Rebellion with Imprisonment of their Bodies at Discretion.

Salutes paid to the English Flag During the long Series of Years between that and the present Time, this Usage hath met with but very little Opposition, the Flag of *England* having been duly respected, not only within the Bounds of the *British Seas*, but without; some Instances whereof, in the former Part of the last Century, I shall here set down.

at Uleckerly in Norway, About the sixth Year of King *Charles* the I's Reign, Sir *John Pennington* then wearing an inferior Flag, and being at *Uleckerly* in *Norway*, a Fleet of *Dutch Ships* struck to him in that Harbour.

Dunkirk, In the Year 1636, in the first Voyage the Earl of *Northumberland* made, who was then Lord High Admiral, the *Happy Entrance*, a Ship of his Fleet, meeting the *Spanish Fleet*, of about twenty six Sail, between *Calais* and *Dunkirk*, (whither they were then carrying Money and Men) obliged them on their own Coast to rake in their Colours.

Helvoet Sluice, In the same Ship, and in the same Year, Sir *George Carteret* carried the Earl of *Arundel*, our Ambassador, to *Helvoet Sluice*, where *Van Trump*, the *Dutch Admiral*, was then riding at an Anchor, who took in his Flag, although Sir *George* wore none himself, and saluted with seven Guns; but in regard he was in a Harbour of the States-General, he hoisted it again.

Fayal, In the Road of *Fayal*, one of the *Azores Islands*, a *French Ship of War* struck to one of ours, and kept in her Flag while ours was in Sight.

Lisbon, A *French Ship of War* coming out of the River of *Lisbon*, struck her Topails to Sir *Richard Plumbly*.

Dunkirk, The Admiral of *Holland*, at the Blockade of *Dunkirk*, in 1635, always struck his Flag to any of our Ships of War which came within Sight.

Cadiz, A Squadron of *English Ships* which came from the Coast of *Salley* in *Barbary*, being in *Cadiz Bay*, and the Duke of *Maqueda*, Admiral of *Spain*, being then going forth to Sea with a Fleet, they both mutually struck and saluted; and the same was done between Sir

Sir Robert Mansel, when going to *Algier*, and *Don Frederick de Toledo* the then *Spanish* Admiral.

When Sir *John Pennington* carried *Duke Hamilton* into *Germany*, in the Year 1631, the *Dutch* Ships which he met with in the *Baltick* Sea, made no Difficulty of striking to our Flag; and even the *Dutch* Admirals when in the *Mediterranean* have struck to our *English* Ships of War.

This Salutation, or Respect, as we have said, due by Right of the Sovereignty of the Sea, has been accustomed by Prescription of Time immemorial, and hath met with very little Interruption. So much as was, happened from the Republick of the United Provinces, about the times we have been above speaking of, but with very ill Success to them; whose Opposition thereto, and unreasonable Claim to the Community of the Sea against the *British* Sovereignty therein, was so far sufficient to bar the Prescription in either Case, that it occasioned a solemn Acknowledgment of our Right in both, by their Treaty with *Oliver Cromwell* in the Year 1653, the thirteenth Article whereof runs thus:

“ *Item*, The Ships and Vessels of the said United Provinces, as well Ships of War, and fitted out for repelling the Force of Enemies, as others, which shall, in the *British* Seas, meet with any of the Ships of the State of *England*, shall strike their Flag, and lower their Topsail, in such manner as hath been ever observ'd in any time past, or under any former Government whatsoever.

Since that time due Care hath been taken in most of the subsequent Treaties with the States General to insert an Article concerning the Duty of Striking, as was the tenth Article of the Treaty of 1662, the nineteenth of that of *Breda* in 1667, and the fourth of that in 1673, which last, because it is so full and express to our Purpose, and that therein is ascertained how far to the Northward and Southward the said Duty is required to be paid, I shall here set down.

“ The aforesaid States General of the United Provinces, in due Acknowledgment, on their Part, of the King of *Great Britain's* Right to have his Flag respected in the Seas hereafter-mention'd, shall and do declare and agree, that whatever Ships or Vessels belonging to the said United Provinces, whether Vessels of War or others, or whether single, or in Fleets, shall meet in any of the Seas from *Cape Finisterre* to the middle Point of the Land *Van Staten* in *Norway*, with any Ships or Vessels belonging to his Majesty of *Great Britain*, whether those Ships be single or in greater Number, if they carry his Majesty of *Great Britain's* Flag or Jack, the aforesaid *Dutch* Vessels or Ships shall strike their Flag, and lower their Topsail, in the same manner, and with as much Respect, as hath at any Time, or in any Place been formerly practis'd towards any Ships of his Majesty's of *Great Britain*, or his Predecessors, by any Ships of the States General, or their Predecessors.

Baltick,
Mediterranean.

This Right

solemnly acknowledged by the Dutch, &c. in 1653.

1662,
1667,
1673.

Observations
on the Use of
the Term, The
British Seas,
in Treaties
made by our
Nation.

It is since these times likewise that it hath become necessary, in those Articles of Treaties of Peace wherein are ascertain'd the Places where, and Times when such Peace shall take effect, to take care that the Seas belonging to *Great Britain* be express'd by the Name of the *British* Seas, as was done by the Treaty of Peace which *Cromwell* made with *France*, by the Treaty with *Holland* in 1667, and by the Treaties of *Ryswick* and *Utrecht*. Where it hath happened otherwise, as in the Treaty with *France* at *Breda*, in 1667, and some others, it is to be looked on as a great Omission, and a sort of tacit Departure from the Right of *Britain* to those Seas, by neglecting so fair an Opportunity of asserting it, in giving them their proper Name of the *British* Seas. Of this we find the Minister who negotiated with *France* the Treaty for a Suspension of Arms in 1712, was very well aware, as well as the *French* Minister with whom he concluded the same. The latter had inserted in the Draught (*les Mers qui entourent les Isles Britanniques*) the Seas which surround the *British* Isles, and cited the forsaide Treaty of *Breda* as a Precedent. The *British* Minister shewed him that, before that Treaty, the Expression had always run *Maribus Britannicis*, particularly in the Treaty with *Cromwell*; and that the Error committed in that of *Breda*, had been rectified in that of *Ryswick*; and notwithstanding the other's Endeavours to retain his Words, by entering into the Dispute of Sea-Dominion, and otherwise, he peremptorily insisted on having them razed out, and altered according to his Mind. This, as it appears by the Treaty, was accordingly done in the latter Part of the third Article, but in the former Part of it, happened to be unluckily omitted, although in that Place most of all necessary. For there instead of saying (as it appears by what is above-said was intended) that "the Ships, Goods, and Effects which shall be taken in the Chanel, *the British*, and North Seas, after the Space of twelve Days, to be reckon'd from the signing of the said Suspension, shall reciprocally be restored on both sides:" The Words, *the British*, are left out, and so the Agreement runs for only such as should be taken in the Chanel and North Seas. This very Omission was it that occasioned the Loss of a Merchant-Ship called the *Favour*, taken, after twelve Days from the Date of the Treaty, by a *French* Privateer, in the Latitude of fifty three Degrees, and about eighty or a hundred Leagues *W. N. W.* of *Ireland*, and condemned in *France* as Prize, as also of some other Ships in the like Case; for their Owners claiming the Benefit of the said third Article, the late Queen, by reason they were not taken within the Limits of the Chanel, or of the North Seas, according to the Letter of the said Article, could not interpose for their Restitution, although they were taken many Leagues within the Western Limits of the *British* Seas.

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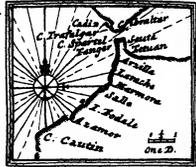
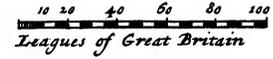
Here we might enlarge on the Impropriety of particularly mentioning the Chanel with the *British* Seas, as if it were not a Part of them, as is done towards the Cloſe of the Article above-mentioned, and in some other Treaties; and in observing how much better
it

it would be to include all the Seas furrounding *Great Britain* under the general Name of the *British Seas*, as is done in the Treaties of *Ryswick* and *Utrecht*; but it is now time to put an end to this long Digression, and return to the Pursuit of our Design.

Having thus deduced from the first Ages of the World to our own Times, a general Account of the People who have flourished at Sea, we shall from thence select such as have made the most considerable Figure among them, and enter into a particular Detail of their Naval Affairs, which shall be the Subject of the following Books.



PART OF EUROPE



PART OF SPAIN

GRANADA

FEZ

PART OF

AFRICA

FRANCE

ALGIER

BARBARY

TRIPOLI

BARCA

EGYPT

VENICE

ROMA

PARIS

GENOVA

BARCELONA

MAJORCA

SICILY

AFRICA

TRIPOLI

BARCA

EGYPT

TURKEY IN

EUROPE

MACEDONIA

ACHAEA

MONIA

CANDIA

LEVANT

BARCA

EGYPT

BLACK SEA

ROMANIA

ASIA MINOR

CARMANIA

CYPRUS

LEVANT

EGYPT

EGYPT

EGYPT

A Chart of the
MEDITERRANEAN SEA.
 According to Mons^r Berthelot &c.
 By H. Moll Geographer.

A F R I C A



A C O M P L E A T

H I S T O R Y

Of the most Remarkable

TRANSACTIONS at SEA.

B O O K II.

Containing an Account of the most remarkable Naval Transactions throughout the World, from the Expedition of the *Argonauts* to the Dissolution of the *Roman Empire* by the Irruptions of the barbarous Nations.

C H A P. I.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the Expedition of the Argonauts, to the breaking out of the War with the Persians.



THE People who first occur to us to be particularly considered are the *Grecians*, in regard they are the most ancient of those whose Affairs afford fit Matter for *Naval History*. Under this Denomination we are to comprehend not only the Inhabitants of *Greece*, but also those of the Islands of the *Ægean Sea*, and Grecians. of the Coasts of *Asia Minor*, where the *Grecians* planted Colonies, without excluding even the People of *Sicily*. Among the *Greeks*,
G *Argos*

Argos is said to be the first who built a long Ship, from whom she was likewise called *Argos*, and the Persons who made use of her to ^a *Colchis* derived the Name of *Argonauts*. *Jason*, a Prince of *Thessaly*, was the Person under whose Conduct this Expedition was undertaken, wherein he was accompanied by *Castor* and *Pollux*; *Hercules*, *Telamon*, *Orpheus*, and others of the most considerable Quality in *Greece*. Their Design was in Quest of the *Golden Fleece*, by which Name it is generally thought was understood either a great Treasure carried to *Colchis* by *Phryxus*, or else the Gold Mines of that Country. Whatsoever it was, *Jason* met with all the Success he expected, by the Assistance of *Medea*, Daughter to *Aetes*, King of the Country, whom he carried off with him to *Greece*, and married.

Hercules goes
against Troy.

After *Jason's* Return, *Hercules*, with several of the *Argonauts*, undertook an Expedition to *Troy* against King *Laomedon*, who had barbarously violated the Law of Nations, by putting to Death the Agents *Hercules* had sent to him on some publick Affairs; and on their Arrival they levelled with the Ground that City, which had been but newly built.

Minos King
of Crete.

A. M. 2730.

Dædalus im-
proves Navi-
gation.

The next Naval Armament among the *Greeks*, was that of *Minos* King of *Crete*, against the Pirates of the *Ægean* Sea, of whom in the preceding Book. To what we have there said of him may be added his Expedition to *Sicily* on account of *Dædalus*, who had escaped thither with part of his Fleet. *Dædalus* was a noble *Athenian* of great Quality, and the most extraordinary Genius of that Age for the Mechanicks, who happening to kill his Sister's Son at *Athens*, fled to *Crete*, and there entering into the Service of *Minos*, put his Naval Affairs in the most flourishing Condition they had ever yet been, by making several very considerable Improvements in the Use of Masts, Yards and Sails; for the *Grecians* before his Time depended chiefly on their Oars, having very little Knowledge of the Management of Sails. Here he became a Party in some criminal Intrigues, for which *Minos* threw him into Prison, from whence escaping with part of the Fleet aforesaid, it gave Rise to the Fable of his flying with Wings from *Crete* to *Sicily*. In that

Flies to Cocalus
King of
Sicily.

The Cretans
invade Sicily.

besiege Cami-
cus,

settle in Italy.

Country he was received into the Protection of *Cocalus*, who refusing to deliver him up to *Minos*, there ensued a long and bloody War between those Princes, wherein at length *Minos* was slain; to revenge the Death of whom, the *Cretans* fitted out a great Fleet, and repaired again to *Sicily*. So intent were they on the Prosecution of this Quarrel, that they passed over in such great Numbers as to leave their Country almost uninhabited. On their Arrival in *Sicily* they laid siege to *Camicus*, the Royal Seat of *Cocalus*, but having spent five Years before it, were obliged to raise the Siege. Then embarking their Forces in order to return home, they met with such furious Tempests, that despairing ever of seeing their Country again, they put into the Gulph of *Tarentum*, and landing there, took up their Habitations in *Italy*. On this occasion the Inhabitants of *Greece*, properly so called, to whom the *Cretan* Wealth and Power had long appeared formidable, observing the great Fertility,

tility, and commodious situation of that Island, now not only un-
 defended, but almost uninhabited, sent over numerous Colonies, and
 took Possession thereof, from which time it was reckoned among
 the *Grecian* States, and, as such, in few Years after contributed its
 Quota of eighty Ships, under the Command of *Idomeneus* and *Me-
 rion* for the *Trojan* Wars.

*The Greeks
 possess Crete.*

*Idomeneus
 and Merion.*

In the beforementioned Expedition of *Hercules* to *Troy*, *Hestione*,
 the Daughter of *Laomedon*, was forcibly carried off from thence,
 and married to *Telamon*. *Paris*, her Nephew, being sent to *Greece*
 to demand her, found means of getting into the good Graces of
Helena, Wife of *Menelaus* King of *Sparta*, and carried her away
 with him, whereby he at the same time gratified his Love, and
 made Reprizal for the injury his Country had received from the
Greeks. They, under the conduct of their several Princes, to re-
 venge this Violence, got together at *Aulis*, a Town of *Bœotia*, a
 Fleet of one thousand two hundred Sail; to such a degree were
 their Naval Affairs by this time improved; one great means whereof
 was the commodious situation of the Country, all the Sea Coasts a-
 bounding with Necks of Land, and Promontories jutting out into
 the Sea, which not only formed large and secure Harbours, but af-
 forded the most convenient spots of Ground for building Cities, as
 needing but very slight Fortifications for their defence, and having the
 Sea open either for Wars or Commerce.

*Hestione and
 Helen's Rape.*

*Expedition of
 the Greeks a-
 gainst Troy.
 A. M. 2756.*

Homer in his *Iliad*, reckoning up the number of Ships that were
 sent from the several parts of *Greece* upon this Expedition, attri-
 butes to each of the *Bœotian* Ships one hundred and twenty Men,
 and to those of *Philoctetes* fifty Men each, thereby intimating, as
Thucydides thinks, the Burthen of the largest and smallest Ships. So
 that if we estimate them at a Medium to carry eighty five Men apiece,
 the whole number on Board the one thousand two hundred Ships will
 amount to one hundred and two thousand; all whom, except the Princes,
 and some few others of chief Authority, served both as Mariners
 and Soldiers. These Ships, we are to observe, were according to
 the Built of those times, open and without any Deck, wherein if
 there was found occasion, upon meeting with Pirates or otherwise,
 to come to an Engagement, they fought only from the Head and
 Stern, as from a Retrenchment, the waste being entirely taken up
 with the Rowers. There was not any thing considerable transacted
 at Sea during the time of this Siege, for the *Grecian* Ships were not
 only not proper for War, but if they had been ever so much so,
 the Enemy they had to deal with would not have afforded them any
 opportunity for the use of them: So that as soon as the Troops
 were disembarked, the Ships were hawled on shoar, and secured with
 a Trench and Rampier, from whence they were launched again, as
 occasion offered, either for getting in Provisions from the Neigh-
 bouring Islands, or taking Prizes on those Coasts for the support of
 the Army before the Town.

*Their Ships
 not proper for
 Naval Fight.*

The Wars being ended, and great part of the Fleet returned to
Greece, there happened such strange Revolutions in that Country,
 as might render the *Grecians* themselves objects of Pity even to the

Strange Revo-
lutions in
Greece after
their War
with Troy.

poor remains of the *Trojans* they had reduced. For to say not any thing of *Agamemnon* and *Menelaus*, who suffered more from their own People than the Enemy had from them, there were but few, if any, of the principal Persons who were not tossed about by Tempests, and being at length thrown on Foreign Countries, died far from their native Land. *Diomedes* and *Philoctetes* were driven to different parts of *Italy*. Some came to untimely ends by the Sword, and many perished by Shipwrack. As for *Ulysses*, the fates seemed to inflict a double portion of Revenge on him, for the principal share he had in the Destruction of *Troy*; for after the various Afflictions he had undergone in his long wanderings about the Sea, returning to his Country, he was slain by his Son *Flegonus*, whom he had by *Circe*. So that upon the whole, that numerous Army, and great Fleet of one thousand two hundred Ships, seem to have occasioned as much Destruction to *Greece* as they carried to *Troy*.

Greek Colo-
nies.

Ionians.
A. M. 2906.

and Pelopon-
nesians.

After this *Greece* enjoying for many Years a profound Peace, it became so overstocked with People as that it was found necessary to send out Colonies to Foreign Parts. The first of them was that of the *Ionians*, a People of *Athens*, who passing over into *Asia* Minor and the Islands on that side, invited by the richness of the Soil, and the goodness of the Climate, they there settled themselves, and building therein twelve Cities, gave the Country the name of *Ionia*. Those Cities in process of time, on account of their extraction from the same Original, united into one Common Wealth, and relying on their great Strength by Sea and Land, had the courage to wage War with the most Potent Princes of those Ages. Some time after this Expedition of the *Ionians*, the *Peloponnesians* sent out numerous Colonies to the Westward, who planted themselves in *Italy*, and there built *Crotona*, *Tarentum*, and other very considerable Cities; so that from them all the Southern parts of *Italy* had the name of *Magna Græcia*.

Corinthians
first Inventors
of large Gal-
lies.

As yet the *Greeks* were unacquainted with the Art of Naval War, and seemed chiefly intent either on the improving their Trade, or the Propagation of their Name and Power, by the swarms of People sent out, as abovementioned, to Foreign Countries. But above four hundred Years after the taking of *Troy*, the *Corinthians*, on occasion of their Wars with the People of *Corcyra*, did, as I may presume to say, invent this Art, and fitted out a Fleet not only furnished in a much more warlike manner than any in the preceding times, but also consisting of Vessels of a different and stronger form, that is, of Gallies with three Tire of Oars, which were at this time first built by *Aminocles*, a Citizen of *Corinth*; for before their Gallies had no more than thirty, or at the most fifty Oars, all in the same rank, or height from the Water.

Phæaces in-
habiting *Cor-
cyra* dispos-
sessed by the *Corin-
thians*.

The Island *Corcyra* (now *Corfu*) in the time of the *Trojan* War was inhabited by the *Phæaces*, who are celebrated by *Homer* in his *Odyssey* for their skill in Sea Affairs. These People, about two Centuries after, were dispossessed by a Colony the *Corinthians* sent thither, who built the City *Corcyra*, and imposed likewise that name on the whole Island. The *Corcyreans* treading in the steps of the
Phæaces,

Phœaces whom they had turned out, and of the *Corinthians* from whom they drew their Origine, did, from their very first Settlement, apply themselves to Naval Affairs, and in Confidence of their Abilities therein, had several rude Skirmishes at Sea with their Founders: But the *Corinthians* now engaging them with these their new invented Gallies, did by a total defeat reduce them to Obedience. This Battel is not remarkable either for the number of the slain, or of the Ships sunk or taken, nor for the great conduct wherewith it was managed on either side, nor the fame or renown of the Commanders, but only for that it is celebrated by *Grecian Writers* as the first Naval Battel in their Country; for as to what we have before said of *Minos*, from *Pliny*, that he was the first who fought with Ships, it is meant of his Expedition against the Pirates, wherein he may not be properly said to have fought any set Battel, but that he had only Skirmishes and single Engagements, as occasion offered.

The Corintho-Corcyraans reduced by their Founder.

Next after the *Corinthians*, the *Ionians*, as hath been mentioned before, became the most considerable at Sea, and (those of the Islands especially) relying on their great Naval Force, set at Defiance the Threats and Power of the most flourishing Monarch of *Asia* at that time. Of the twelve *Ionian* Cities before taken notice of, *Samos* and *Chios* were situate in two Islands of the same Names. Against these *Cræsus*, King of *Lydia*, preparing a great Armada, it is said that *Bias* (celebrated for his Wisdom among the seven Sages of *Greece*) happening at that time to come to the Court of *Sardes*, the King asked him, *What News from Greece? Sir*, said he, *the Islanders intend to invade you with an Army of ten thousand Horse. Heaven cannot favour my Wishes more*, replied the King, *than for those Islanders to venture themselves on the Continent, and think to attack me with Land Forces. True*, said *Bias*, *and what more does your Majesty think the Islanders desire than to get you, whose Arms have ever been employed ashore, on their own Element, the Sea, to which they have been always accustomed, and wherein their whole Strength and Power consists?* Struck with the Force of Truth, the King took this able Minister's Advice, and put a stop to his Naval Preparations, but could not withstand the impetuous Motions of his restless Ambition, which hurried him on to turn his Arms against the rising Glory of *Cyrus*, King of *Persia*; but with this fatal event, that he did, as the delusive Oracle had foretold, overturn a flourishing Kingdom, but it was his own, not that of the Enemy, as he had fondly interpreted it; and thus he became one of the greatest Examples of mortal Frailty, and the Instability of human Affairs.

The Ionians.

Cræsus intending to invade 'em.

Is dissuaded by Bias.

Cræsus overcome by Cyrus.

Mean while the *Ionians* daily increasing the Reputation of their Naval Arms, held for some time the uncontested Dominion of the Sea, and looked with the same Eyes of Indifference on the Power of *Cyrus* as they had before on that of *Cræsus*, although by this time he had subdued almost all *Asia* to his Obedience. This they thought they might do with the more Impunity, for that the *Persians* had not hitherto so much as set foot on the Salt Water; but long they did not triumph in this Success, for some new Commotions

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The Ionians
overcome by
the Persians.
A. M. 3406.

tions in *Persia* requiring the Presence of *Cyrus* there, he committed the *Ionian War* to the Care of his General *Harpagus*, who in a short time reduced, either by Force, or Treaty all the *Ionian Cities* on the Continent. The first Town he took among them was *Phocæa*, whose Inhabitants being driven out, they put to Sea, and after various Adventures, settled at *Marfeilles*, as we have related in the foregoing Book.

Cambyfes.

Cyrus being dead, he was succeeded in the *Persian Throne* by *Cambyfes*. In his Time flourished *Polycrates*, the celebrated Tyrant of *Samos* before-mention'd, who was Master of a hundred large Ships, besides a great Number of Gallies with three Tire of Oars.

Polycrates
beats the Lesbians,
forsifies Sa-
mos,

The *Lesbians* coming to the Aid of their Friends of *Miletus* with all their Force, *Polycrates* overcame them in a Sea Fight, and took as many Prisoners as served him to draw a Ditch round the Walls of *Samos*. After this he subdued many more Islands and Towns on the Continent, and indeed invaded all his maritime Neighbours without any Difference, having established this for a Maxim with himself, that he gratified his Friend more by restoring what he had taken from him, than if he had not taken any thing away. So great was this Prince's Success, that *Amasis*, King of *Ægypt*, his Friend and Ally, suspecting that such an uninterrupted Course of Prosperity must have some disastrous End, wrote to him, and desired he would make some certain Change therein, by chusing out the thing he set the greatest Value on, and so to make it away as that he might never more enjoy it. To comply with this Advice, he went on board one of his Ships, and threw into the Sea his Signet, which was an extraordinary rich Emerald set in a Ring of Gold: But it so happened that the next Day a Fisherman taking a very large Fish, presented it to the King, as only worthy of it, in which, when it was cut up, was found the Royal Signet. *Amasis* hearing this, took such Assurance that unfortunate must be the End of this prodigious Success, that he immediately renounced his Friendship and Alliance, lest he should be involved in the same Calamities, which he thought must necessarily fall upon him.

His strange
Fortune

and Politicks.

When *Cambyfes* was raising his Forces for an Expedition he had undertaken to reduce *Ægypt*, *Polycrates* desired him underhand to send to him for some Supplies, who doing so, he picked out such of his *Samians* as he thought most ripe for Rebellion, and embarking them on board his Gallies, sent them accordingly to *Cambyfes*, at the same time desiring him not to let any of these People come back. The *Samians*, nevertheless, upon the Conclusion of that War, found Means to withdraw themselves from *Cambyfes*, and went to *Lacedæmon* to crave Aid of that State against the Tyrant, whose Power was now grown so formidable to the rest of *Greece* that it was easily granted; and the *Corinthians* likewise entered into the same War. The *Lacedæmonians* coming with a great Fleet to *Samos*, besieged the City, but endeavouring to storm it, were repulled with some Loss; and having in vain spent forty Days in the Siege (so valiantly was it defended by *Polycrates*) they then returned home to *Peloponnesus*. This their Departure, some reported, was

Invaded by
the Lacedæ-
monians in
vain.

procured

procured by *Polycrates's* coining a great Quantity of Leaden Money, which he covered over with Gold, and distributed among the Enemy's Officers. Some time after, *Orates* the King of *Persia's* Vice-Roy at *Sardes*, and Successor of *Harpagus* in that Government, finding himself reproached at Court, for that he had not yet annexed *Samos* to the King's Dominions, which lay so near to his Province, and so easy, as his Enemies alledged, to be reduced, did by all means compass the Destruction of *Polycrates*, and became the Instrument of an unfortunate End to him whom *Amasis* had so violently suspected. This *Orates* knowing *Polycrates's* Ambition to become Master of *Ionia*, and the Islands, he sent to acquaint him that he was not ignorant of the commendable Ambition he had to possess himself of those Provinces he so well deserved; but that hearing he had a present Occasion of a Supply of Money, and knowing that his own Destruction was determined by his Master *Cambyfes*, if he would receive him into his Protection, he should have half of the King's Treasure which he had in Possession, whereby he might not only attain his Ends in *Asia*, but even the Sovereignty of all *Greece*.

Is circumvented by Orates,

Polycrates with great Joy received the Message, being very avaritious; and to make sure Work of it, first sent over *Meandrius* his Secretary. *Orates* knowing him to be a cunning and circumspect Man, filled several Chests with Stones, and covering them at the top with Gold, thereby deceived him. *Polycrates* was dissuaded by all his Friends from going over, notwithstanding which, and many Omens and Presages of ill Success, he embarked with a slender Retinue to secure this Treasure, and going up the River *Meander* as far as *Magnesia*, was there seized by *Orates*, and nailed to a Cross.

and crucified.

As for *Cambyfes*, tho' he did not himself do any thing very remarkable at Sea, yet was he the occasion of that great Accession of Naval Power to the succeeding Kings of *Persia*, which enabled them to give so much Disturbance to the *Grecian* Affairs. In his before-mention'd Expedition to *Aegypt*, he by the way reduced to his Obedience the *Phœnicians*, so long celebrated for their Naval Strength and Knowledge; and having subdued *Aegypt*, was desirous to add *Carthage* to his Empire, giving it in charge to the *Phœnicians* to conquer that City: But they desired to be excused from embroiling their Hands in the Blood of their own Relations, it being a Colony of theirs who first founded that City, as well as many others both within and without the Mediterranean, as we have mentioned in the first Book. From the Account there given of these People, we shall not at all wonder that, chiefly in Confidence of their great Abilities at Sea, the Kings of *Persia* ventured to wage a Naval War with *Greece*, then near arrived to her most flourishing Condition.

Cambyfes reduces the Phœnicians, &c.

C H A P. II.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the breaking out of the Persian War, to the Defeat of the Persians, and the burning their Fleet at the Promontory Mycale.

Persians war
against the
Grecians.

Sub Anno
Mundi 3400.

Aristagoras
deserts the
Persians,

flies to Cleo-
menes.

Athens de-
clares War a-
gainst the Per-
sians,
and burn Sar-
des.

The Sea-Fight
off Lada.

THIS War was principally occasioned by the *Athenians*, who now first began to be Masters of a Naval Force. About this time *Aristagoras*, Tyrant of *Miletus* in *Ionia*, having abdicated his Government, on account of some Mismanagements for which he feared to be expelled by the *Persians*, he withdrew to *Sparta*, and represented to *Cleomenes*, then reigning there, the Hardships of *Miletus* and the other Colonies of *Ionia*, which groan'd under the *Persian* Yoke. The great Courage and Power of the *Grecians* he artificially set off to be yet much greater than it was, at the same time expressing himself very contemptibly of the *Persian* Strength, and shewing how easy a Task it would be for *Greece*, but more especially the *Spartans*, to drive out of the *Lesser Asia* so weak an Enemy, who, in comparison of them, were totally ignorant of the Art of War. But *Cleomenes* was too wise a Prince to hearken to these Delusions of an Exile, and engage in so hazardous and unnecessary a War; who despairing of Success at *Sparta*, repaired to *Athens* to involve that City in his Misfortunes. On his Arrival there, an Assembly of the People being called, he made use of the same Arguments as he had to *Cleomenes*, adding further, how reasonably the *Ionians* might expect Assistance from *Greece* in general, but most of all from the *Athenians*, as being their particular Colony. Scarce had he ended his Speech, but they decreed War against *Persia*, and immediately fitted out a Fleet of twenty Sail for *Ionia*, where landing their Troops, they marched a few Miles up into the Country, and surprized and burnt *Sardes* the Capital of *Lydia*. The News whereof coming to *Darius*, then keeping his Court at *Susa*, he made a solemn Vow to be revenged on them, and ordered one of his Attendants who stood by, every time he sat down at Table, to cry out, *Sir, remember the Athenians*. Nor were his Threats in vain, for soon after, with a great Fleet, of which the *Phœnicians* made up the best part, he presently reduced, as it were on his way, *Lesbos*, *Chios*, and other Islands of the *Ægean*, who soon rising in Rebellion, as usually newly conquered Countries do, there ensued that memorable Fight between the *Persians* and Islanders at *Lada*, which was the most considerable that had been hitherto fought at Sea, from the beginning of the World to this time. *Lada* was a small Island lying off *Miletus*: Near this the two Fleets came to an Engagement, that of the *Ionians* consisting of three hundred Gallies, and the *Persians* of double the Number. The Battel was fought with great Courage and Resolution on both sides; on the one for Glory and Honour, on the other for their Lives and Liberties;

A Chart of the Sea Coast of
NAPLES, SICILY, GREECE
 and the **ARCHIPELAGO ISLANDS &c.**
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 Leagues of Great Britain



TURKEY in EUROPE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

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MOREA

ACHAIA

THESSALIA

MACEDONIA

THRACIA now

ROMANIA

ASIA

MINOR

EGEAN SEA

CYCLADES

PART OF ITALY

ITALY

SICILY

MALTA

DALMATIA

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ADRIATICK SEA

TURKEY in EUROPE

BLACK SEA

THRACIA now

ROMANIA

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berties; these encouraged with the Desire of Conquest, and those animated with Despair, the last Refuge in Rebellion. The *Persians*, notwithstanding their great Superiority, had gone near to have been defeated, but that the *Samians*, who were in the Right Wing (such was the Disposal of their Fleets in those Times) quitted the Fight, on what Occasion is uncertain, and so left the Center exposed to the Fury of the Enemy. Thus the remaining Part of the Fleet being surrounded on all sides by such unequal Numbers, and seeing themselves treacherously deserted, were only intent on selling their Lives as dear as they could, and died bravely in the Bed of Honour. This Victory was followed by the immediate Surrender and Sacking of *Miletus*, in Sight of which it was obtained: And *Samos*, *Chios*, and other neighbouring Islands were cruelly ravaged and laid waste by the insulting Conquerors.

The Persians beat the Islanders,

(sack Miletus, Samos, Chios, &c.)

And now *Darius* had nothing left to do, but to pursue his Revenge against the *Athenians*, and the rest of *Greece*; to which Purpose, early the next Spring, he deputed *Mardonius*, to whom he had lately given his Daughter in Marriage, to reduce it to his Obedience. He, on his Arrival on the Coast, took upon him the Command of the Fleet, consisting of the Sea-Force of *Cilicia*, *Cyprus*, *Egypt*, and *Phœnicia*, (on the Ships and Sailors of which last he principally relied) and there embarking a considerable Body of Troops, having appointed the rest of the Land-Army to meet him at the *Hellespont*, he set sail for that Place, where receiving them on board, he made the best of his way for *Greece*. In his Passage thither, coasting about the Mountain *Athos* (now *Cape di Monte Santo*) he met with such a violent Tempest, as proved the entire Destruction of this Expedition, three hundred Ships, and twenty thousand Men perishing therein. *Mardonius* himself made a shift to escape, but was in a short time recalled, as a Person not fit to be entrusted with the Management of the War, which was committed to the Care of *Datis*, a *Mede*, and *Artaphernes* the King's Nephew.

But sending their Fleet against the Athenians,

their Fleet is destroyed by Tempest.

Their Generals having gotten together a very numerous Army, came down to the Sea Coasts of *Cilicia*, where they found a great Number of Vessels, of a peculiar Built for the Transportation of Horse, which *Darius* had ordered the maritime People of the *Leffer Asia* to get ready for this Expedition. Embarking the Troops, they set sail with a Fleet consisting of six hundred Gallies, besides Transports, and reducing most of the Islands *Cyclades* in their way, landed safely in *Enbœa* with an Army of above a hundred thousand Men. There in few Days they had *Eretria* surrender'd to them, and thence passing over into *Attica*, were met on the Plains of *Marathon* by *Miltiades* the *Athenian* General with a Body of chosen Troops. Who should have seen both Armies ranged in order of Battel, would have thought them a vastly unequal Match, that under *Miltiades* not amounting to above eleven thousand Men, but they indeed full of Courage and Bravery. On the Signal for the Charge, the *Athenians* rushed on with such incredible Fury and Precipitation, as disordered the Enemy on the very first Shock, and at length entirely routed, and put them to flight. They retreated

They equip a new Fleet, &c.

** Note Ne-Propontis.*

But at Marathon

are beaten by the Athenians,

A. M. 4400.

and their Fleets
again destroy-
ed.

The noted Val-
our of Cynæ-
girus.

The Persians
arm anew.

Darius's
Death.

The Ægypti-
ans rebel a-
gainst Xerxes,
but are re-
duced.

The Persians
come to
Mount Athos.

Xerxes makes
an Island of
the Peninsula.

in great Confusion toward their Ships, but were so closely pursued by the *Athenians*, that they again engaged them as they were embarking. Some of their Ships they took, and some they set on fire; and the whole Coast was a Scene of Slaughter and Destruction. In this Action is deservedly celebrated the Behaviour of *Cynægirus*, an *Athenian* Captain, who, as a Gally full of *Persians* was putting off from the Shore, caught hold of the Rudder with his Right Hand to prevent their Escape, which being presently lopp'd off, he seiz'd it with his Left, and losing that too, fastned his Teeth in it, and expired; that so it might appear that even Rage and Fury prompted him to attempt what his Valour could not perform for the Service of his Country.

Upon this ill Success, by Sea and Land, the *Persian* Generals made the best of their way back to *Asia*; and *Darius*, on the News of their Defeat, immediately began new Levies for another Army, and gave Orders for fitting out a Fleet: But in the midst of these Preparations he died, and was succeeded in the Throne by his Son *Xerxes*. He, either to revenge his Father's Disgrace, or through a real Ambition of adding *Greece* to his Dominions, carried on the Preparations with great Vigour, and was entirely bent on prosecuting the War; but just at the same time *Ægypt* rising in Rebellion, he thought it necessary first to extinguish that Flame, and invading the Country with a great Force by Sea and Land, he, in the first Year of his Reign, reduced it to his Obedience, and imposed such hard Conditions on the *Ægyptians*, as he thought should leave them little room to rebel again. Having thus settled *Ægypt*, he turned his Thoughts wholly to the Reduction of *Greece*, and resolving to compass it, if human Power possibly could, he spent three whole Years in his Preparations, and at length, in the fifth of his Reign, set out from *Susa* with the greatest Army that ever the World knew, at the same time having ready on the Coasts a very formidable Sea-Force, which consisted of a Fleet of four thousand and two hundred Sail, twelve hundred of them Gallies with three Tire of Oars, and the rest of them from fifty to thirty Oars each. Of these the largest carried two hundred and thirty Men, and the least about eighty, as well Soldiers as Rowers: The whole Fleet having on board in all about five hundred and eighty thousand Men. The first Effort of this mighty Naval Force was against the Mountain *Athos*, a very high Promontory of *Macedonia*, jutting out into the Sea between the Gulphs of *Strymon* and *Singus*, join'd to the Continent by a Neck of Land about a Mile and a Quarter over, and is now known by the Name of *Cape di Monte Santo*, as before observed. And because the Fleet under *Mardonius* had met with such a terrible Disaster in doubling this Cape, *Xerxes* gave order for cutting a Chanel through the *Isthmus*, which was in a short time perfected, so as to admit of two Gallies a-breast to pass through.

There was a great Ambition among the Ancients of making Islands of *Peninsula's*, as was more than once attempted by the Kings of *Ægypt* in cutting the *Isthmus* of *Suez*, and by *Nero* in that of *Corinth*, which had some Shew of Profit and Advantage; but

but this, since they might safely enough have gone round the Cape, was only a most foolish Vain-gloriousness, and unseasonable Ostentation of prodigious Power, to little or no Purpose, the Chanel in a short time growing dry, and leaving scarce the Footsteps of so stupendous a Work.

The Land Army being now arrived near the Sea Coast, *Xerxes* gave Orders for laying a Bridge over the *Hellepont*, which being shattered and broken down by tempestuous Weather, he commanded the Heads of the Workmen to be cut off, the Sea itself to be whip'd with three hundred Stripes, and a Pair of Fetters to be thrown into it, in token of its future Subjection. He then made two Bridges of Gallies, so well anchored, and secured to each other, that they resisted the Violence of the Weather, and the whole Army passed over in seven Days and Nights, the Troops on the one, and the Slaves and Carriages, with the Baggage on the other. The Army being now arrived in *Europe*, his next Care was to take a Review of his Naval Force, to which Purpose he went on board a Ship magnificently fitted for his Reception, where sitting on the Deck under a Golden Canopy, he sailed about and viewed the whole Fleet, frequently asking *Demaratus* the *Spartan* King, then in Exile, and with him, if 'twas possible for any Mortal to be more happy than himself. *Themistocles* was at this time the Man who bore the most considerable Sway in *Athens*, being a Person of very extraordinary Abilities, and who had from his Childhood given his Country great Hopes of his Courage and Conduct. While he was yet very young, he was the principal Occasion of the War with the *Æginetans*, who had, without any manner of Necessity, complied with the *Persian* Demands of sending Earth and Water, in acknowledgment of their Subjection; in which War the *Æginetans* were entirely worsted, and quite lost their Dominion at Sea. *Themistocles* wisely foreseeing the Storm that was gathering in *Persia*, persuaded the *Athenians* to build those Ships against the *Æginetans*, for which they should have future Occasion against the *Persians*: He made it likewise his Business, upon all Occasions, both publickly and in private, to induce his Countrymen to apply themselves to Sea Affairs, and look upon a Naval Force as the most effectual Means of obtaining both Safety and Power. Pursuant to this wholesome Advice, the *Athenians*, after the Battel of *Marathon*, built two hundred Gallies of three Tire of Oars, and when *Xerxes* was now advancing against them, and they consulted the Oracle of *Delphos* thereupon, they received for answer, that they must trust to their wooden Walls. *Themistocles*, who was of a most ready Wit on such Occasions, told them the meaning of the Oracle was, that their Shipping must be their Safe-guard; that their Country did not consist in their Walls, but their People, that the City of *Athens* was wheresoever they themselves were, and that they had much better trust their Safety to their Fleet, than the Town, which was very little able to endure a Siege. The *Athenians* accordingly transported their Wives and Children, with their most valuable Effects, to some of the neighbouring Islands, and put themselves,

Lays a Bridge
o'er the Hel-
lepont.

Themistoc-
cles's Cha-
racter,

Persuades the
Athenians to
surrender to the
Æginetans,

and to assist
the Persians
by Sea.

with their Ships, under the Conduct of *Themistocles*, to fight for their Country.

The Persian
Fleet shattered
by Tempest.

The *Persian* Fleet was by this time got to the Height of Mount *Pelion*, not far from *Attica*, and having lain all Night at Anchor off of that Place, about Day-break it began to blow very hard at North, and soon encreased to such a Tempest, as four hundred of the stoutest Ships were sunk in few Hours, and all their Companies lost, together with a great Number of Transports, and other small Vessels; so that the Fleet was lessened by a third Part before it came in Sight of the Enemy.

Themistocles in the mean time observing the great Obstruction the the publick Service met with from the mutual Grudgings and Resentments of the *Grecians*, persuaded them to sacrifice their private Animosities to the common Safety, and join unanimously in the Defence of their Country; of which as the *Eginetans* were a part, he likewise prevailed with them, notwithstanding their late Variance, to add their Naval Force to that of the *Athenians*; and also, pursuant to a general Resolution of *Greece*, sent to *Gelon*, King of *Sicily*, offering to enter into an Alliance with him, and desiring his Aid against the *Persians*.

King Gelon
refuses to aid
the Atheni-
ans.

Gelon was one of the most powerful Princes of that Time, both by Sea and Land, and was able to furnish out a greater Number of Ships than all *Greece*, having maintained a long War against the *Carthaginians*, and given them several notable Defeats at Sea. When the *Athenian* Ambassadors mentioned the Alliance, he lent a willing Ear to the Proposal, and promised to assist them with Men, Money, and Provisions, together with a Fleet of two hundred Gallies, and even with his own Person, but all this upon Condition he might be constituted Generalissimo of the *Grecians*, otherwise he could afford them no Aid, nor at all concern himself in their Affairs. They refused the Conditions, as too unreasonable, and unbecoming the Dignity of *Athens*, to whom, as the rest of *Greece* had committed the Care of the Sea, they thought it would be dishonourable for them to yield that Preheminence to a *Sicilian*, and so returned from this unsuccessful Errand.

The Athenian
Fleet at Artemi-
sium

The *Grecians* being thus denied all foreign Aid, had only their own Force to rely on, and having gotten together a Fleet of one hundred and eighty Gallies, repaired to *Artemisium*, not far distant from *Pelion*, where the *Persians* met with the afore-mention'd Misfortune. This *Artemisium* was situate at the Mouth of the Channel which flows between *Eubœa* and the main Land of *Greece*, and was a dangerous Station for any Fleet to continue in, by reason of the sudden and violent Gusts of Wind which frequently came down from the Mountains both of the Island and the Main, and for that the Tides were so uncertain, as to ebb and flow not only seven times a Day, (as the Ancients imagined) but were as variable as the Wind itself, and often came with Currents as rapid as if they fell from a steep Mountain. *Themistocles*, nevertheless, chose this Place to fight the Enemy in, as being the most proper on several Ac-

under The-
mistocles's
Conduct.

counts :

counts; first, for that it was the readiest Passage into *Greece* for all Ships coming from the *Hellespont*, and also because there, by reason of the Narrowness of the Streight, the Enemy could not make use of the Advantage of their great Superiority, not having room to extend their Fleet, or fight with more Ships than themselves. Nor were the *Persians* at the same time ignorant of *Themistocles's* prudent Conduct in this Matter, for which reason they detached two hundred Gallies to sail round without the Island, and come at the other End of the Streight aftern of the *Athenians*, that so they might hem them in on both sides. To perform this Service, they made choice of the ensuing Night, when having gotten about half way the length of the Island, there arose so furious a Storm of Wind, Rain, Thunder, and Lightning, as not one of the whole Number escap'd, but were all swallowed up in the Ocean, and not a Man of their Companies saved.

Many of the Persian Gallies destroyed by Tempest.

This was a second Blow from Heaven on *Xerxes's* Fleet, but the *Persians* entirely ignorant of what had happened, put themselves the next Morning in a Posture for Fight, expecting every Moment when the two hundred Gallies should make a Signal of their attacking the Rear of the *Grecian* Fleet. The *Athenians* as ignorant as the Enemy of what had befallen them, kept their Station in the Mouth of the Streight, as before-mentioned, where the two Fleets came to an Engagement, which lasted, with almost equal Loss on both sides, till Night parted them. The next Day they both prepared for renewing the Fight, when, as a damp to the *Persian* Courage, the Bodies of their Countrymen came floating down the Channel in such Numbers as clogg'd their way, and checked the Stroke of their Oars: However, they at length joined Battel again, and with much the same Success as before. The Day following the *Grecians* were reinforced with fifty three Gallies from *Athens*, and by them had the News of the Shipwreck of the *Persians* as they were going about the Island, which gave them new Courage and Resolution. Mean while the *Persians*, highly incens'd at the Resistance they met with from so inconsiderable a Force, and likewise fearing the Resentments of *Xerxes*, for their making so tedious a Business of getting through the Chanel to *Greece*, now offer'd the *Athenians* Battel the third time, who advancing a little way without the Streight, there waited the Enemies Motions. The *Persians* dispos'd their Fleet in a half Moon, in order to encompass the *Athenians*, who doubting they should fare the worst if they suffer'd them to continue in that Posture, bore down speedily with Design to break them. The *Grecians* never gave greater Proofs of their Courage and Bravery than at this time; but as much as they excelled in Valour and maritime Skill, so much did the *Persians* in the Number and Nimbleness of their Ships. At length, after a long and obstinate Engagement, wherein great Numbers were slain, and many Ships sunk and taken on both sides, the Fleets both drew off, but the Victory remained to the *Persians*, the *Greeks* retiring hastily out of the Chanel, and leaving the Coasts open to them to make their Descent as they pleas'd; and at the same time that they obtained this Success

Three Sea Engagements near Euboea;

in the Bay whereof

the Persians are victorious.

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gain the Pass
at Thermopylæ,

A. M. 3470.
and destroy
Athens.

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luri in the
Gulph of En-
glia.

Artemisia's
Advice to
Xerxes.

The Grecian
Fleet at Sa-
lamis.

Themistocles
endeavours to
prevail with
the Confede-
rates to fight
at Sea.

cess at Sea, *Xerxes* with his Army gained the Pass of *Thermopylæ*, *Leonidas* King of *Sparta*, being first slain, who so valiantly defended it.

Having thus opened his way into *Greece*, he fell down into *Attica* with his vast Army, and miserably harrassing the Country, entered *Athens*, which he entirely burnt and destroyed, without sparing even the Temples of the Gods. Having staid there a few Days, he received Intelligence from the Deserters that the *Athenians* had retreated from *Eubœa* to the Island *Salamis*, and were there gathering together new Forces, whereupon he repaired on board the Fleet, where was held a general Council in his Presence, to deliberate on the further Naval Operations, and whether they should venture another Engagement with the *Grecians*. The Kings of *Tyre* and *Sidon*, who accompanied *Xerxes* in this Expedition, were first asked their Opinions, who both declared themselves for another Battel; but when it came to the turn of *Artemisia*, Queen of *Halicarnassus*, to speak, (who out of Duty to *Xerxes*, whose Tributary she was, had not only join'd him with five large Gallies, but done very considerable Services for him, as well at *Artemisium* as elsewhere, insomuch that the *Athenians* offered a great Reward for any Person who should bring her in alive or dead) she enlarging somewhat on the afore-said Services rendered by her to the King, gave her Opinion, which she supported with many powerful Arguments, that it would be most expedient for his Majesty to lay aside the Thoughts of any farther Operations at Sea, and march directly with his Army into *Peloponnesus*, the Consequence of which would be the breaking all the Measures the Enemy had taken as a collective Body, and force them every one to shift for themselves, when they would fall an easy Conquest to his Majesty's Arms.

Having taken all their Opinions, the King was much inclined to that of *Artemisia*, but it was in Fate that the *Persians* should be beaten at *Salamis*, and, according to the Majority of Voices, it was resolved to fight the Enemy there. At this Place the *Grecians*, with a Fleet of three hundred and eighty Gallies, lay ready to receive them, when suddenly there was a Rumour spread through the Fleet, that *Xerxes* was advancing with all the Land Army into *Peloponnesus*, which struck such a Damp into the *Grecians*, that all of them, except the *Athenians*, were against another Engagement. On this Occasion *Themistocles* was extremely industrious in going about to every one, soliciting and pressing them to fight, but more especially to *Eurybiades*, the *Spartan* Admiral, who commanded in chief, praying and beseeching him not unadvisedly to ruin his Country, and with his own Hands make a Breach in those Walls the Oracle had commanded them to trust to; telling him withal, that if they staid at *Salamis*, Glory and Honour and Victory attended them, but if they departed, it would be to the sure and inevitable Destruction of *Greece*. This Advice was most true, but the Weight of it was much lessen'd, in that *Themistocles* having no Country to lose, it was thought he might more readily consent to the hazarding that of others; it being continually objected to him, that it was

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not going at all upon equal Terms for them to fight for a Country in the Hands of the Enemy, and a City that had not Being, while *Sparta*, and *Argos*, and *Peloponnesus* were left defenceless, and exposed an easy Prey to the Invader. *Themistocles* being thus repulsed and reproached, he bethought himself of a Stratagem equally hardy and doubtful, but from which, if it succeeded, he could gain nothing less than immortal Honour. He sends a trusty Messenger to the *Persian* Admirals, who, with all Professions of his Friendship, was to tell them, that the *Grecians*, afraid of the Power they had so lately felt, were determined the next Morning to fly; that now all the Force of *Greece* was united in one Place, and might be cut off at one Blow; that they should by no means permit their Enemies to escape out of their Hands; and if they let slip this Opportunity, it might be long enough before Heaven would afford them such another. This was not more wisely concerted on one hand, than indiscretely believed on the other; for the *Persians*, that they might not have any thing to do in the Morning, disposed every thing for the Attack at Midnight, and block'd up the Straights of *Salamis*, that so there might be no Possibility of Escape. The King placed himself on an Eminence on the Shore, there to see the Fight, and animate his People to behave themselves well; and the *Grecians* now finding themselves almost surrounded by the Enemy, became valiant out of pure Necessity, and engaged with great Ardour and Alacrity. The *Athenians* had to deal with the *Phœnicians*, who were of greatest Reputation for Sea-Affairs among the Enemy, and the *Spartans*, not so remarkably expert therein, were opposed to the *Ionians*. In this Battel the *Persians* are said even to have outdone themselves in Feats of Gallantry and Bravery, and the rather, for that they fought under the Eye of their Prince, whom, with their Fellow-Soldiers of the Land Army, they had to be witnesses of their good or ill Behaviour, all the Hills and rising Grounds along the Shore being covered with *Xerxes's* Troops, where himself, as we have said, was on an Eminence from whence he might best behold the Fight. But the *Grecian* Valour was insuperable, inasmuch that the two Fleets joining Battel, that prodigious Multitude of *Persian* Ships, although disposed in the most advantageous manner, were very soon disordered, and fell foul on one another, the *Grecians* bearing down on them in a firm and unbroken Order. This was in a great measure owing to *Themistocles*, by whose Advice it was that the *Grecians* deferred attacking the *Persians* with the Beaks of their Ships till the time the Land Breeze came up, when going on right afore it, they were carried against them with great Violence, while at the same time those of the Enemy were rendered almost useless, because, having the Wind in their Teeth, they could not oppose Beak to Beak, but received the Shock of the *Grecians* on their Bow or their Broadside.

Themistocles deceives the Persians.

The Sea Fight at Salamis.

The Persian Fleet beaten.

and Ariamenes, their Admiral, slain.

There fell in this Battel, almost at the beginning of it, *Ariamenes* the *Persian* Admiral, a Person of great Valour, and Brother to *Xerxes*, whose Body floating in the Sea, amongst many others, was taken up by *Artemisia*, and presented to the King to be Royally interred.

Xerxes leaves
Greece.

tered. The Fight continued till late in the Evening, when many thousands of the *Persians* being slain, the few Remains of their vast Multitude retired in Confusion into the Port of *Athens*. *Xerxes* immediately call'd a Council on the present Emergence, and, pursuant to the Resolutions taken therein, made the best of his way, by long Journeys, to the *Hellepont*, where finding his Bridges broken down by bad Weather, he pass'd over in a Fisher-Boat, and landing in *Asia*, repair'd first to *Sardes*, and then to *Susa*, his capital City, for fear of any Commotions the News of this Defeat might occasion there.

Artemisia's
Valour.

In this Engagement Queen *Artemisia* perform'd Wonders, inso-much that *Xerxes* said, his Men were turn'd Women, and the Women become Men, thereby reproaching especially the Behaviour of the *Phœnicians*, who so far degenerated from the Naval Glory of their Ancestors, that they were the first who began to fly; and such of these as he himself particularly observed performed not their Duty he immediately sent for and executed.

Precedency in
Valour given
to the *Ægi-*
netans,

In a general Assembly of *Greece*, when it came to be considered who had behaved best in the Fight, the *Lacedæmonians*, although they well knew not any of their own Body had performed ought that was extraordinary in it, yet because the *Athenians*, who had so particularly signalized their Valour in that Day, should not run away with the Glory so justly due to them, prevail'd to have it ordered, that the Heralds should make publick Proclamation, that of the People of *Greece* in general the *Æginetans*, and of particular Persons *Amyntas*, had deserved best of their Country in the late Fight at *Salamis*. For this Preference given to the *Æginetans* there was no Shadow of Pretence, and as for that of *Amyntas*, it was because he was the first Captain who boarded the *Persian* Admiral, and slew him with his own Hand, which although a very gallant and honourable Action, yet, alas! how infinitely does it fall short of the Merit of the great *Themistocles*, born for the Defence and Preservation of *Greece*! He was a Man possessed of every good Quality which could render him eminent in the Service of his Country, but so peculiarly excelled in the Knowledge of Sea Affairs, that he deriv'd to himself the Sirname of *Naumachus*, or the Naval Warrior. He need'd now no longer to complain that the Trophies of *Miltiades* would not let him sleep, having achiev'd greater Actions than he, and being himself to be esteem'd as a more noble Pattern for Imitation to Posterity. His Courage, Conduct, and good Fortune it was which extorted from the *Persians* the unwilling Confession, that they were not any longer able to cope with the *Grecians* at Sea, as appeared not long after when they retreated from the Island *Samos* to the Promontory of *Mycæ*, in *Ionis*, to have recourse to the Protection of the Land Army that was left by *Xerxes* to keep those Parts in Obedience; where declining a Naval Fight, they hal'd their Gallies ashore, fortified them with a Trench and a Rampire, and joined the Army. Upon this the *Athenians* likewise landing, engag'd the whole Force, and entirely defeating them, returned to the Sea-Coasts, where they forc'd the *Persian* Fortifications, and burnt their Fleet.

and *Amyntas*,

his due to
Themis-
toles;

his name.

The *Persians*
beaten by
Land, and
their Fleet
destroy'd.

CHAP. III.

Of the Naval War of the Grecians in Sicily with the Carthaginians then in Alliance with the Persians.

WHILE these things were transacting in Greece, there fell out a bloody War between Carthage and Sicily; for Xerxes, so soon as he had come to a Resolution of invading Greece, sent an Embassy to the Carthaginians, offering to enter into an Alliance with them against the Greeks, which they readily enough consented to, and it was agreed, that at the same time as Xerxes passed over into Greece, the Carthaginians should make a Descent in Sicily. The Negotiation was carried on with so much Secrecy, that the Sicilians had not the least Suspicion of the Designs against them; and no sooner were the Persian Ministers dispatched, but the Carthaginians, at a vast Charge, made Levies of foreign Troops in Italy, Liguria, Gaul and Spain, at the same time raising great Numbers in the City of Carthage, and in Numidia. At length having, as well as Xerxes, spent three Years in their Preparations, they had got together an Army of three hundred thousand Men, and a Fleet of five thousand Sail, two thousand whereof were long Ships, the rest Victuallers and Transports. The Command of this Fleet and Army they committed to Amilcar, who, when Advice came of Xerxes's Arrival in Greece, repaired on board, and made sail for Sicily. When he was got about half Seas over, he met with so violent a Storm, that all the Transports which carried the Horses and Baggage perished in it, and 'twas with Difficulty he escaped with the rest to Himera, a Sea-Port of Sicily. Having on his Arrival there disembarked the Troops, he formed two Camps, one for the Land Army, the other for the Sea, in which latter making a proper Receptacle for the Ships, he haled them ashore, and secured them therein with a very deep Trench, and a Rampire of great Height. The People of the Town having received considerable Loss in a Sally they made for interrupting the Works, dispatch'd frequent Messengers to implore the Assistance of Gelon, King of Syracuse, who, as we have before observed, had lately denied Aid to his Kindred Grecians on the Continent: But that which through Envy and Emulation he refused to them, he did not think fit to do to those of Himera, who were his near Neighbours, and who, he knew, would, without his Assistance, be entirely ruin'd.

A War between Carthage and Sicily; the former aided by the Persians.

The Carthaginians besiege Himera.

A Prince of his Penetration easily observed that the Carthaginians had no better Grounds for a War against Himera than Syracuse, and that it arose more from a favourable Conjunction than any good Reason; that, in reality, it was the Dominion of Sicily was aspired to by a foreign Nation, and the Destruction of Himera a Step only to the Accomplishment of their Design: But as to the Convention of the Persians and Carthaginians to make their Descents in Greece and Sicily at the same time, he entertained not the

Gelon King of Syracuse assists the besieged.

least Suspicion of it. Whatsoever was the Occasion, he thought a Flame broke out so near him was not to be neglected, and so, with all imaginable Expedition, marched with an Army of five and fifty thousand Men toward *Himera*, near which Place finding the *Carthaginians* straggling about, and plundering the Country, he slew great Numbers of them, took ten thousand Prisoners, and forced the rest to retire with Precipitation into the Camp. The next Day, as he was viewing from a rising Ground the Posture of the Enemy, espying their Naval Camp, he began to consider if, by any means, he could burn the Ships. While he was ruminating on this Design, it luckily happened that some of his Troops who had been on the *Patrole*, brought in a Courier going from *Amilcar* to the City of *Selinus*, whose Inhabitants the *Carthaginians* had drawn in to side with them. The Letters found about him imported the Desire of *Amilcar* that, on a certain Day appointed, the *Selinuntians* would join him with their Body of Horse; on which same Day was to be performed a great Sacrifice to *Neptune*. The Night before *Gelon* sends out a Body of Horse with Orders to them to take a Compass round the neighbouring Mountains, and getting into the Road from *Selinus* at break of Day, to present themselves at the Naval Camp of the *Carthaginians*, where *Amilcar* was then to be, as if they were the Horse expected from *Selinus*. In the mean time he orders some Scouts to place themselves on the top of an Hill which overlooked the Enemy's Camp, who as soon as the Troops were received into it, were to make a Signal, himself at the same time waiting the Event at the Head of the rest of the Army in order of *Battel*. On the Approach of the Horse beforemention'd to the Naval Camp, they were joyfully let in by the *Carthaginians*, who being ignorant of the Deceit, congratulated their good Fortune, which, in some sort, they thought, made amends for their Disaster at Sea, by the Fidelity of their Allies on shore; when immediately *Gelon's* Troops drew their Swords, and fell upon them, slew *Amilcar* as he stood at the Altar assisting at the Sacrifice, and killing all they met, set fire to the Ships. *Gelon* in the mean time having received the Signal of their Success, and advancing with the whole Army to support them, was met by the *Carthaginian* Troops, who not knowing what had happened in the Naval Camp, came out of theirs to engage him. They fought very obstinately, and a prodigious Slaughter was made on both sides, when on a sudden the *Carthaginians* beholding the great Smoke that arose from the Ships, and hearing the News of *Amilcar's* Death, became dispirited, and throwing away their Arms, betook themselves to flight. *Gelon* detached part of his Army to pursue them, with positive Orders to give no Quarter, and accordingly they committed a merciless Slaughter, while himself moved on with the rest to the Naval Camp, where he found *Amilcar* killed, and the Fire raging throughout in so terrible a manner, as 'twas hardly safe for the Conquerors themselves to abide within it. Thus were two thousand Ships of Force, vast Numbers of Transports, with the General himself, the Flower of the Army, and all the Sailors and Rowers, in a Moment of Time destroyed. Only twenty of the Ships, which
Amilcar

*His Stratagem
on an inter-
cepted Letter.*

*The Carthaginians
beaten, and their Fleet
burnt by Gelon.*

Amilcar had the Day before sent out on some necessary Services, escaped the Flames, and even they, in their return, all perished in a Storm, infomuch that but a few Soldiers, who saved themselves in Boats, were left to carry the dreadful News to *Carthage*. *Gelon* having thus successfully settled the Affairs of *Sicily*, and finding from the Examination of the Prisoners of Quality, that this formidable Invasion was originally projected in *Persia*, thought fit now to offer, of his own accord, that Aid he had before refused to Entreaties, and determined to repair to the Assistance of *Greece* with a Fleet of five hundred Ships; when, as he was just ready to sail, some *Corinthian* Merchants arriving at *Syracuse*, brought the News of the great Victory the *Grecians* had obtained at *Salamis*, and the shameful Flight of *Xerxes* into *Asia*; and 'twas afterwards understood that on the same Day *Gelon* forced the *Carthaginian* Camp, *Leonidas*, King of *Sparta*, dy'd bravely fighting against *Xerxes* in the Pass of *Thermopylae*. All these things happen'd in the Year of the World 3470, and from the building of *Rome* the 273^d, which 'tis thought proper to mention, because thro' the whole Course of the History, till we come to our own Times, we shall hardly find any Year so remarkable as this, for such extraordinary Actions, in different Parts of the World.

Leonidas's
Death.

A. M. 3470.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the Defeat of the Persians at Mycale, to the Victory obtained over them by Cimon at the River Eurymedon, and the Peace that ensued thereupon.

IF we return from *Sicily* to *Athens*, we shall next find flourishing in that City *Cimon*, the Son of that *Miltiades* who gave the *Persians* the memorable Defeat at *Marathon*. This Gentleman, in his younger Years, was of such a Turn of Mind that, with all his Tutors could do, he could never be brought to learn Musick, Rhetorick, or any of the softer Arts of *Athens*, but at the same time was most peculiarly formed by Nature for Action, and Dexterity in Affairs. As he was perfectly well seen in the whole Art of War, so had he so thorough a Knowledge of Sea Affairs, that, with respect to this Particular, he may be said almost to have snatch'd the Laurel from the Brows of *Themistocles* himself. He gave a singular Specimen of his future Glory this way, while he was yet very young, when, as *Themistocles*, on account of the *Persian* Invasion, was haranguing the People, and persuading them, by forsaking the City and Country of *Attica*, to trust themselves and their Fortunes to the Sea, and they stood in Amazement at the Proposal, this Youth, with a brisk and pleasant Countenance, in sight of all the People,

Cimon the Athenian his Character.

His Skill in Naval Affairs.

marches

marches up to the Citadel with a Bridle in his Hand he had taken off his Horse, and consecrates it to *Minerva*, the Goddess who assumed the peculiar Protection of that Place, thereby calling Gods and Men to witness that this was not a time for them to depend on Horsemanship, or a Land Force, but to follow the Advice of *Themistocles*, and trust to their Ships for their Safety. Thereupon, having paid his Devotions to *Minerva*, he embark'd with the rest of his Countrymen on board the Fleet, where in the Fight at *Salamis* he behaved with remarkable Courage and Gallantry, and acquired to himself the Love and Esteem of all his Fellow-Citizens; many of whom came to him and advised him to betake himself early to publick Business, and begin to think of doing somewhat worthy of his Father *Miltiades*, and the Field of *Marathon*. Pursuant to their Advice, he soon after enter'd into publick Employments, wherein he was welcomed by the universal Congratulation and Applause of the *Athenians*, who not long after (*Themistocles* being then on the Decline in their Favour) conferred upon him the most important Charges of the Commonwealth.

is sent with
the Athenian
Fleet to
join that of
Lacedæmon.

After the Battel of *Platæa* with *Xerxes's* General, *Mardonius*, which gave a total Overthrow to the *Persians*, and entirely ruin'd their Affairs in *Greece*, *Cimon* was sent out with the *Athenian* Fleet to join that of the *Lacedæmonians* under *Pausanias*, who commanded in chief. In this Expedition his Behaviour was entirely agreeable to what he had promised at his first coming into Affairs, and he drew the Eyes of all People upon him, by the punctual Care he took of his Men, their exact Discipline and Order, and the constant Readiness they were in for Service. At length finding out *Pausanias's* Inclination to the *Persian* Interest, and the unnatural Intrigues he had enter'd into against his native Country, he immediately sent Advice thereof to the *Spartan Ephori*, and besieged *Pausanias* himself in *Byzantium*, who escaping thence, *Cimon*, in his Return to *Athens*, took especial care to open the Trade of the *Ægean*, by clearing it of Pirates, by whom it was much infested at that time; an Action highly acceptable not only to *Athens*, but to all *Greece*. He mightily increased his Reputation by a particular piece of good Conduct, whereby he rendered the *Athenians*, before very potent at Sea, perfectly Masters of it. For although the *Athenian* Confederates had willingly paid their Tax according to Agreement, yet, when they found the Seat of War far enough removed from them, they did not with the same Readiness contribute their Quota's of Men and Ships; whereupon the former Generals of *Athens* exacted a punctual Compliance by such Rigorous Methods as made their Government odious. *Cimon* went quite another way to work, so as not to make the Conditions uneasy to any one; for from such as desired their actual Attendance might be dispensed with, he took their several Proportions in Money, and Ships unmann'd; and then bringing the *Athenians*, by easy and gentle Methods, and a few at a time, to betake themselves to the Sea, soon manned the whole Fleet with them only; and they, thus supported by the Money of their

Cimon renders
the Athenians
Masters
of the Sea.

Confederates

Confederates, who mean while enjoyed their Repose at home, became their Masters, and deprived them of Liberty.

The *Athenians*, now solicited by *Amyrtaeus*, a Prince of *Egypt*, who had revolted from the *Persian* Government, repaired thither with a great Fleet, and maintained a dangerous War there for six Years. *Artaxerxes*, who sat on the Throne of *Persia*, dreading the *Athenian* Arms, sent *Megabyzus* to *Lacedemon*, with great Sums of Money, to endeavour if by any means he could prevail with the *Spartians* to come to a Rupture with *Athens*, and invade *Attica*, that so they might have Work enough on their Hands at home: But the *Lacedemonians*, although they were grown sufficiently jealous of the rising Power of *Athens*, yet at this time had they such a Reverence for the Treaties subsisting between them, that they would by no means hearken to the Proposal, and *Megabyzus* returned without doing any thing. The Money the King had assigned to be placed among the *Lacedemonians*, he now applied towards carrying on the War in *Egypt* against the *Athenians*, the Management whereof he committed to another *Megabyzus*, Son of that *Zopyrus* who recovered *Babylon* to *Darius*. This General entering *Egypt* with a vast Army, gave the *Egyptians* Battel, and entirely defeating them, forced the *Grecians* out of the City of *Memphis* (of which they had been in Possession some time) into *Byblus*, on an Island of the *Nile* called *Prosopitis*, and there laid close siege to them, who so well defended themselves, that they held out eighteen Months. The *Athenian* Fleet lay in the River before the Town, but the *Persians* at length turned its course, and drained the Chanel, so that the Ships now remaining useles, the *Athenians* set fire to them, and surrendered the Place, on Condition they might be permitted to march in Safety to *Cyrene*. Arriving there, they, at several times, got home, but in as miserable a Condition as if they had suffered Shipwreck; and as one Misfortune generally falls on the Neck of another, the *Athenians* having sent fifty Gallies to their Relief, on a Supposition they were still in *Byblus*, these, utterly ignorant of what had passed, entered *Mendesium*, one of the Mouths of the *Nile*, and landing the Troops they had on board, they were all cut to pieces by *Megabyzus*, while the *Phenician* Fleet which lay near attacked the Gallies, and entirely destroyed them. Such was the End of the *Athenians* six Years War in *Egypt*, from which if they had been so wise as to have taken warning, and contending themselves with their own, had withdrawn their Desires from foreign Acquisitions, especially far distant ones, this Misfortune in *Egypt*, though so severe, had not been unuseful to them; but by knowing no bounds to their good Fortune, and affecting an Extent of Empire beyond the Abilities of their City to maintain, they at length brought their flourishing Republick to Ruin.

But to return to *Cimon*. He was the Person amongst all the *Grecians* who most effectually weakened the *Persian* Power; and so closely did he pursue them, that he would not let them take breath, or put their Affairs in any manner of Posture. For after the Death of *Pausanias*, the *Athenians* having obtained, through his Conduct,

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Athens maintains War in Egypt against the Persians.

The Egyptians and Athenians beaten by Artaxerxes. a. Now Grand Cairo.

Athenians burn their Ships.

and

others are destroyed by the Persians.

Cimon reduces the Grecian Cities in Asia.

Beats the Persians at Eury-medon,

and

destroys their Fleet.

A. M. 3481.

The Persians agree to hard Terms of Peace.

the supreme Command at Sea, they sent him out at the Head of a considerable Fleet, with which passing over to the *Lesser Asia*, all the *Grecian* Cities upon the Sea-Coast immediately came in, and the rest which were garrison'd by the *Persians* he took, partly by Storm, and partly by managing Intelligence within their Walls, so that he entirely freed all the Coast from *Ionian* to *Pamphylia* from the *Persian* Yoke. Then having notice that the *Persian* Generals were encamped with a Body of Troops on the Sea-Coast, and supported by a considerable Fleet, which lay in the Mouth of the River * *Eury-medon*, he made the best of his way thither with two hundred Gallies, and came in upon the Enemy at break of Day; who, surpris'd at so unexpected an Attack, deserted the Ships in Confusion, and joined their Army on shore. The whole Fleet consisted of six hundred Sail, two hundred whereof were taken, and of the rest the greatest part sunk, or entirely disabled, very few of them escaping. *Cimon*, flush'd with this Success, immediately lands his Men, and encourages them with the Assurance of Victory, but more by his own Example, to engage the Enemy, which they did with great Fury, and were received by them with equal Warmth. The Fight was very obstinate, and continued long doubtful, wherein many of the bravest *Athenians*, and among them not a few Persons of Quality, were slain; but at length the Enemy received a total Defeat, and a furious Slaughter was made among them.

Thus did *Cimon* gain two entire Victories by Land and Sea in few Hours; to render which fully compleat, he repairs with the Fleet, the same Day, to a neighbouring Port, where he had notice that eighty Sail of *Phenicians* were arriv'd to the Assistance of the Enemy, not knowing any thing of their Defeat; but they seeing the *Grecians* coming down upon them, and yet reeking with Blood and Sweat, suspected the Fate of their Allies, and in Despair presently submitted to the Conqueror. These Successes so broke the Spirit of the *Persian*, that he was glad to treat on any Terms, and to comply with this hard Condition, *That not any of his Land Forces should come within fifty Miles of the Asiatick Coast of the Grecian Sea, nor any of his Ships of War beyond the Cyanean Islands on the one side, nor the Chelidonian Islands on the other*: So that he was hereby excluded from the *Propontis*, the *Ægean*, the *Cretan*, *Carpathian*, and *Lycian* Seas, from the Mouth of the *Thracian Bosphorus*, where lie the *Cyanean* Isles, to the sacred *Promontory* (now *Cape Celidonia*) in *Lycia*, off of which are the *Chelidonian* Islands before-mention'd.

* The River on which now stands Candelora in the Gulf of Satalia.

CHAP. V.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the Peace with Persia after the Battel at Eurymedon, to the beginning of the Peloponnesian War.

CIMON, in his Return from *Pamphylia*, (upon Advice sent him that part of the scattered Remains of *Mardonius* his Army had seized on some Places in the *Thracian Chersonesus*) sends in the Fleet to *Athens* to refit, and with only four Gallies repairs thither, where he finds the *Thracians* joined with the *Persians*, and ready to receive him. But attacking them with great Vigour, he took thirteen Ships from them, and in a short time wholly subdued the *Thracians*, drove out the *Persians*, and entirely reduced the Country to the Obedience of *Athens*. Thence he proceeded to the Island of *Thasus*, the Inhabitants whereof had revolted from the *Athenians*, and defeating them, took thirty three Ships, and had their capital City yielded to him at Discretion. Being recalled to *Athens*, he for some time endeavoured to calm the civil Diffensions of his Country; and finding the *Athenians*, at the Instigation of *Pericles*, hotly bent on a Rupture with *Sparta*, thought it best to divert the Humour, if possible, by a foreign War. To this end he prevails to have a Fleet fitted out of two hundred Gallies, with which making Sail towards *Asia*, he detached sixty of them to *Egypt*, while himself repaired with the rest to *Cyprus*, where meeting with the *Persian* Fleet, he gave them a signal Overthrow; and having failed round the Island, and taken by Force, or Treaty, all the Sea-Port Towns, he began to turn his Thoughts towards the War in *Egypt*. For *Cimon's* Schemes were not calculated for small Matters, but aimed at nothing less than the total Subversion of the Power of *Persia*. Besides that, as he knew the Genius of the *Athenians* to be peculiarly adapted for War, he thought it both more honourable, and more easily for them to be engaged in one with *Persia* than *Greece*; and it was, perhaps, some farther Incitement of his Hatred to the *Persian* Name, to observe the singular Honour and Respect wherewith *Themistocles* was received by the King, when he retired in Exile into *Asia*. That Prince indeed entertained a mighty Value for *Themistocles*, as knowing his great Abilities, and relying on his Promises of being at the head of the Expedition he intended against *Greece*, wherein he therefore assured himself of certain Success; but he, either dreading the Courage, Conduct, and constant good Fortune which attended *Cimon*, especially in Naval Affairs, his own peculiar Talent, or distrusting his own Abilities declined with his Fortune, or else (what we should the rather believe) abhorring the Thoughts of being engaged in so unnatural a Design, poisoned himself, that so since he could not with Honour acquit himself of his Promise, he might, in some sort, of his Duty to his Country; and his

Cimon takes the Ships of Thrace, and subdues the Country to Athens.

Tasso, at the bottom of the Archipelago.

Cimon beats the Persian Fleet at Cyprus,

and turns his Thoughts towards the War in Egypt.

Themistocles poisons himself,

Death

and Cimon
dies.

Death was followed soon after by that of *Cimon*, just as he was going with the Fleet from *Cyprus* to *Egypt*.

It may be said of him, that even after his Death he was fatal to the *Persian* Power. For having signified his Desire to his Friends, who assisted him in his last Moments, that his Body might be carried to *Athens*, and there interred, the Fleet accordingly preparing to return home, fell in, off of *Cyprus*, with a Naval Armament of *Persians* and *Phœnicians*, which had been, with great Expedition, sent out against the *Athenians*. The *Persians*, whether they were ignorant of *Cimon's* Death, or, if they knew it, assuring themselves of Advantage over the *Athenians*, being destitute of their General, prepared for the Fight with great Readiness and Alacrity. The *Athenians*, on the other side, were encouraged with the Remembrance of their late Successes, and exhorting one another to render this their melancholy Return to *Athens* memorable to future Ages, for their Behaviour in this Battel, engaged the Enemy with extraordinary Courage and Resolution. They fought very obstinately on both sides, and for a long time with various Success, till the *Athenians* knowing themselves much the better Seamen, and yet making their Art subservient to the present Occasion, broke their own Line, as finding that of the *Persians* otherwise impenetrable, and engaging them separately, although they were without any supreme Commander, they acquitted themselves of all the Parts of Soldiership and maritime Skill, with as much Dexterity and Readiness, as if *Cimon* had been present to dispence his Orders amongst them, and be witness of their Behaviour. At length their Skill and Courage prevailed, for breaking the Enemy's Line, they sunk, or took all the *Persian* Ships, but the *Phœnicians*, being good Sailors, saved themselves by flight. They did not think it safe to follow them too far, for fear of losing Company with the Admiral's Ship, which having his Corps on board, did not interfere in the Fight, but mutually making Signals to give over the Chace, they bent their Course towards *Athens* with the sorrowful News of *Cimon's* Death, but that well tempered with the Joy of this Victory.

The Athenians beat the Persian and Phœnician Fleets near Cyprus.

Pericles incites the Athenians against the Spartans.

While these Things were transacting abroad, *Pericles* was very busy at home in sowing the Seeds of Dissension between the *Athenians* and *Spartans*, who had been growing ripe for a Quarrel ever since the Battel of *Plataea*. The *Lacedæmonians* looked with an envious Eye on the Glory the others had obtained in that Battel, as well as in the Sea Fights of *Artemisium*, *Salamis*, and the River *Eurymegree*, wherewith they were indeed themselves elated to a great degree, and reducing most of the Islands of the *Ægean*, together with many Towns on both sides the Continent at *Potidæa*, *Sestos* and *Abydos*, *Perinthus*, ^b *Chalcedon*, and ^c *Byzantium* itself, seemed to aim at nothing less than to be Sovereign Umpires of *Greece*. They had an old Grudge boiling in their Minds, which, tho' now and then laid asleep for a time, could never be thoroughly forgotten. For at the time of *Xerxes's* Invasion, it was agreed by the common Consent of all *Greece*, that as the *Lacedæmonians* should have the supreme Direction of Affairs by Land, so the *Athe-*

^b Scutari.
^c Constantinople.

nians should command at Sea; but when Matters came to an Extremity, the *Lacedæmonians* would needs preside in both, or else, they pretended, they would act on their own bottom, and let every one shift for themselves. As this was not a time to contend, the *Athenians*, through the Prudence and Moderation of *Themistocles*, submitted for the publick Good without any Resistance: But when the Fears of the *Persians* were over, they readily enough laid hold of any Occasion for Dispute. This was more especially observable after *Pericles* (who was set up in Opposition to *Cimon*) came to the Management of Affairs, when under Colour of assisting their Confederates, or one Pretence or other, there happened frequent Skirmishes and Quarrels, wherein several fell on both sides. The *Lacedæmonians* accidentally meeting with a Squadron of *Athenian* Ships, engaged them, and came off Conquerors, when soon after the *Athenians* reinforcing their Fleet, another Engagement ensued, wherein they doubly repaid themselves for their former Loss: There were not any Endeavours used to compose these Differences till six and thirty Years after the Fight at *Salamis*, when a Truce of thirty Years (called the Peace of *Eubœa*) was concluded between them, and such Places as had been taken were mutually restored on both sides.

Their mutual Fealoufies,

and Quarrels.

A Peace concluded.

Six Years after this Treaty a War broke out between the *Athenians* and *Samians*, on account of *Priene*, a City of *Ionia* belonging to the *Milesians*. With these the *Samians* disputed it, and gaining a considerable Advantage over them, the *Milesians* sent a Deputation to *Athens*, with loud Complaints against their Enemies; which would, nevertheless, have had but little effect upon the People, had they not been well supported by *Pericles*, at the Instigation of *Aspasia*, a fair Mistress of his. This Lady was a Person of very great Beauty, and of such extraordinary Wit and Eloquence as would not have ill become Men of the highest Dignity in the Common-Wealth, insomuch that on that account even the great *Socrates* was one of her Admirers; and *Pericles*, himself an excellent Orator, is said once to have pronounced to the People, as his own, a very fine funeral Oration, entirely of her composing. She was a Native of *Miletus*, and so effectually sollicitated the Cause of her Countrymen, that War was immediately denounced against the *Samians*. *Pericles* proceeding towards *Miletus* with forty four Sail, fell in with the *Samian* Fleet, consisting of seventy, and gave them an entire Defeat, pursuing them to the very Port of *Samos*, which he entered after them, and laid siege to the City. Receiving soon after a considerable Reinforcement from *Athens*, he left Part of the Fleet and Troops to carry on the Siege, and with sixty Gallies repaired to a proper Station for meeting the *Phœnicians*, who he was informed were coming to their Relief. When this great Detachment was made, the Person who commanded in *Samos* took the Advantage of *Pericles* his Absence, and in a very successful Sally sunk or took several of the *Athenian* Ships, and recovered the Harbour; so that having an open Sea for fourteen Days, they imported all their necessary Provisions. But *Pericles* returning with the

A Quarrel between the Athenians and Samians.

Aspasia.

Pericles beats the Fleet of Samos.

The Samians take and burn several Athenian Ships.

Fleet, which was by this time augmented with forty Ships from *Athens*, and thirty from *Chios* and *Lesbos*, again invested the Town by Sea and Land; when the *Samians*, encouraged by their former Success, made another Sally, but were repulled with great Loss, and at length, in the ninth Month of the Siege, surrendering the Place, they were obliged to demolish their Walls, deliver up their Shipping, pay a great Sum of Money to defray the Charge of the War, and to give Hostages for Performance of the Articles.

Pericles takes
Samos.

The War be-
tween Athens
and Sparta

We have before observed that the Truce between the *Athenians* and *Lacedemonians* was concluded for thirty Years, but their Animofities grew to such a Height, as not to admit of so long a Delay from Action, so that they committed frequent Depredations on one another, both by Sea and Land, and in so hostile a manner too, as that it wanted nothing but the Name of an open War. It was during the time of *Cimon's* Exile that these things happened; but when he was recalled, he brought Matters to an amicable Accommodation between them. For although when he was obliged to submit to the Ostracism, one of the things which carried the most considerable Weight was, that in all his Discourses to the People he seemed to be too great a Favourer of the *Spartans*, yet as he was a thorough honest Man, a Lover of his Country, and very constant in the Pursuit of his own Measures, as soon as he returned to *Athens*, he persuaded the People (notwithstanding all the Opposition *Pericles* could make) to maintain their Peace with *Sparta*; which during his Life they inviolably observed; but no sooner was he dead, than they were prevailed upon by the young and hot-headed Statesmen who were then in the Administration, to come to an open Rupture with them, wherein they mightily weaken'd each other with mutual Slaughters, and sheathed in their own Bowels those Swords which had been so often dyed with the Blood of the *Medes* and *Persians*.

renewed on
Conon's
Death.

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The chief oc-
casion of the
War.

• C. Figalo.

The Corcyra-
ans beat the
Corinthians
at Sea.

This War was commonly reputed to have deduced its Rite from the People of *Corinth* and ^d*Corcyra* on this Occasion. The *Corcyraeans* resolving to chastise the Inhabitants of *Epidamnus*, (afterwards called *Dyrrachium*, and now *Durazzo*) a Colony of theirs who had thrown off their Allegiance, the *Corinthians*, on pretence of their being the original Founders of both People, interposed in the Quarrel with a Naval Force. It consisted of seventy five Sail, and that of the *Corcyraeans* of eighty, which meeting each other off of ^e*Actium*, in *Epirus*, they came to an Engagement, wherein the *Corinthians* were defeated, with the Loss of fifteen Ships. Although, with respect to the Force which met on both sides, there was a considerable Slaughter, yet was not this Battel so remarkable on that account, as for the Place it was fought in, and the Consequences which ensued thereupon. For the first, because it was there that *Augustus*, some Ages after, gained a signal Victory at Sea over *Anthony* and *Cleopatra*, which confirmed to him the Dominion of the World: And for the latter, because it was generally supposed to be the Grounds of, and furnished the Pretence to that long and dangerous Quarrel between the *Athenians* and *Lacedemonians*, which is called the *Peloponnesian War*, and is the Subject of *Thucydides's* History.

History. For the *Corinthians*, in order to revenge the Disgrace they had received at *Actium*, having gotten together a Fleet of much greater Force than the former, the *Corcyraeans* began to fear they should not be able to cope with them alone, and therefore sent to the *Athenians*, desiring to enter into an Alliance with, and receive Aid from them against their Enemies. The *Corinthians*, on the other hand, prayed Assistance of the *Lacedaemonians*, who were the most powerful People of *Greece* by Land, as the *Athenians* were at Sea. At *Athens*, in pursuance of the Councils of *Pericles*, they had been long ready for a Breach, and only wanted to be furnished with a good Pretence for it, while at the same time the *Lacedaemonians* knowing that, since the Death of *Cimon*, there was not any one at *Athens* who nourished pacifick Dispositions toward them, were equally inclined to come to a Rupture. The only Obstacle that remained was the forementioned Truce, which, as we have said, was to have continued for thirty Years, but there were yet no more than fourteen elapsed. It was agreed by that Treaty, That neither the *Lacedaemonians* nor *Athenians* should prosecute any War with the Confederates of either Side: As also that it should be lawful for either Party to assume, as Confederates, any People who were not expressly comprehended in the said Treaty.

The Corcyraeans aided by the Athenians, and the Corinthians by the Lacedaemonians.

Now the *Corcyraeans* at that time had entered into no Engagements on either Side, but stood Neuter in the Quarrel, insomuch that the *Athenians* might, they thought, receive them as Confederates, and, according to the Law of Nations, protect them when so received, without any Infraction of the Treaty on their Part. This the *Corinthians* deny'd they could lawfully do, unless it had been before the War broke out between them and the *Corcyraeans*. However if they broke with the *Corinthians*, the Case was plain they consequently did the like with the *Lacedaemonians*, as being included in the same Treaty with them. The Affair was controverted in an Assembly of the People at *Athens* for two Days both by the *Corinthian* and *Corcyraean* Ambassadors, when at length the former departed, as leaving the matter at an Uncertainty, and affording time for the *Athenians* fully to consider of the matter. On their Return home, the *Corinthians* immediately made Sail with a Fleet of a hundred and fifty Gallies for *Corcyra*, off of which Island they found the *Corcyraeans* ready to receive them.

The Fleets on both Sides were divided, as Land Armies, into a main Body and two Wings. In the Right of the *Corcyraeans* were ten *Athenian* Gallies under the Command of *Lacedaemonius*, Son of *Cimon* lately deceased; which the *Corinthians* no sooner perceived, than, pursuant to the Advice of the *Spartans* they had on Board, they began to alter their Order of Battel, and strengthen their Left Wing with the most considerable Force they had, to oppose to the *Athenians*; when presently the Signal for Battel being displayed, they engaged each other with great Fury. Laying their Broadfides together, there was no room for acting those Parts of their Naval Art which consisted in rushing on each other with the Beaks of their Ships, or brushing off their Oars, and the like, but they fought obsti-

The Corinthians beat the Corcyraeans.

nately Hand to Hand from their Decks, and sometimes boarding one another, there was an incredible Confusion among them, and a prodigious Slaughter on both Sides. In the mean time the *Athenians* disposed themselves so as to support the *Corcyreans* wheresoever they were obliged to give way, so far forth as their bare Presence would do it in terrifying the *Corinthians* from prosecuting their Advantage, but without striking a Stroke, as by their Instructions they were strictly forbid to do, unless it were in case of absolute Necessity. And now the *Corcyreans* prevailed so against the Left Wing of the Enemy, where were the *Megareans*, that they obliged twenty of their Ships to quit the Line in the utmost Disorder, and pursued them to the Promontory *Cheimerium*, where they ran them ashore.

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by the help of
the Athenian
Fleet,

The *Corinthians* taking the Advantage of the Absence of those Ships that follow'd the Chace, immediately attacked the Centre of the *Corcyreans*, and with very good Success, when the *Athenians* now finding them prest hard, prepared to assist them, yet not so as they might seem the Aggressors; but at length the *Corcyreans* betaking themselves to Flight, the *Corinthians* followed them very close, and took several of their Ships, with great Numbers on Board, all whom they put to the Sword, without so much as giving Quarter to a Man. Now was the Time the *Athenians* thought, or it never would be, for them to interpose, and accordingly they charged the *Corinthians* with great Vigour, and after an obstinate and bloody Dispute, tore out of their Hands that Victory they had otherwise entirely gained. This Battel, with respect to the Numbers that were engaged in it, was in no wise comparable to those of the *Persians* at *Salamis* and *Eurymedon*, but was by much the most considerable that had been yet fought between *Grecians* and *Grecians*, whether we consider the Number, or the Destruction both of Men and Ships; for on the part of the *Corcyreans* there were no less than seventy Gallies sunk or taken, and the *Corinthians* lost thirty; and great Numbers of Men were slain on both Sides, when at length the Night parting them, left the Victory doubtful. Some Hours after the Fight, there arrived a Squadron of thirty Gallies from *Athens* to reinforce the former ten, which encouraging the *Corcyreans*, they went off to Sea next Morning, and offered the *Corinthians* Battel. They knowing of the Arrival of the *Athenians*, kept their Station, resolving not to come to an Engagement, if they could possibly avoid it, but dispatched a Messenger to the *Athenian* Admirals, (not accompanied with a Herald, because they would not seem to treat them as Enemies) mildly to expostulate with them on the Injuries they had received, and know the Reason of their Violation of the Truce. The *Athenians* replied that they had not done them any Injury, nor could possibly be accused of Infraction of the Treaty on their Side; that they did not come thither with an hostile Design against them, but only to defend their Confederates; and that if they would go to any other Place than *Corcyra*, or against any other People than the *Corcyreans*, they should by no means be their Hindrance. The *Corinthians* having received this Answer, immediately put themselves in a sailing Posture, and passing pretty near the
Corcy-

which is held
a breach of
the Peace.

Corcyraean Fleet, very handsomely saluted the *Athenians* as they went by, and made the best of their Way home. On their Arrival there, the *Corinthians*, by their Ministers in all the Cities of *Greece*, made loud Complaints of this Behaviour of the *Athenians*; and at *Lacedaemon*, without any long canvassing the matter, they came to a Resolution that the Truce was broke, and that War should be decreed against *Athens*, which was accordingly put in Execution without Delay, and is by Authors term'd the *Peloponnesian* War.

Whereupon

Sparta declares War against Athens.

C H A P. VI.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians from the Beginning of the Peloponnesian War, to the great Expedition of the Athenians against Sicily.

THE Reason of the *Spartans* coming so suddenly to the foregoing Resolves, without that more than *Spanish* Deliberation which usually attended their Councils, was not this Injury done to the *Corinthians*, as was commonly believed, but the Consideration of the exorbitant Power the *Athenians* were arriv'd to at Sea; for passing by older matters, they reflected on the great Glory they had so lately gained in reducing with their Fleet the Island of *Samos* to their Obedience, and that in so short a time, as occasion'd a common Saying, that *Pericles* had done as much in nine Months against *Samos* as *Agamemnon* had in ten Years against *Troy*. If to the Conquest of *Samos* they should add that of *Corcyra*, and to *Corcyra* *Corinth*, what would be the Event, (they consider'd,) but that the Liberties of all *Greece* would be trampled under Foot, and they must submit to be Slaves to the *Athenians* instead of the *Persians*. Nor were they ignorant how very intent the *Athenians* were at this time in advancing their Naval Affairs to a yet greater Height; for if any considerable Person happened to fall under the Censure of the Publick for any Misdemeanour, or otherwise, the Punishment now assigned for it was, that he should build a Gally for the State at his own Charge, or two, according to the Circumstances of the Crime, or the Quality of the Offender: And now they thought by the Accession of the *Corcyraens*, who, next the *Corinthians*, were most considerable at Sea, the *Athenian* Naval Power would receive it's last Hand, and be too fully compleat for them ever to cope with hereafter, if they did not now attempt it. Indeed *Pericles* and the People of *Athens* was equally fond of this Confederacy with *Corcyra*, but with very different Views. The People out of a vain Notion of adding it to their other Acquisitions, and by that means of extending their Conquests to *Carthage*, *Sicily*, and *Italy*, from which latter it was not above a Day's Sail: But *Pericles*, because of its Naval Force, and its convenient Situation for prosecuting his Designs in the *Peloponnesian* War, wherein he was so deeply engaged.

Principal Causes of the Peloponnesian War.

Jelousies of the exorbitant power of Athens.

Thus

Year of the
World, 3519.
Before Christ,
429.
Of the Build-
ing of Rome,
322.
The Allies of
Athens and
Lacedæmon.

Thus, according to *Thucydides*, fifty Years after the *Perſian War*, and fourteen after the Treaty of *Eubœa*, broke out the *Peloponneſian War* between *Athens* and *Lacedæmon*, wherein, on one Side or other, almoſt all the reſt of *Greece* was engaged. With the *Lacedæmonians* enter'd into Alliance all the People of *Peloponneſus*, except the *Argives* and the *Achæans*, who ſtood Neuter; though, amongſt theſe latter, *Pellene* declared for them in the beginning, and the reſt came in afterwards; and without the *Iſthmus*, the *Megareans*, *Phocians*, *Locrians*, *Bœotians*, *Ambraciots*, *Leucadians*, and *Anactorians*, who were each to contribute their Quota, ſome of Horſe, and ſome of Foot, and ſome of ſhipping, of which they propoſed to have five hundred Sail, beſides what they could procure out of *Italy* and *Sicily*. On the *Athenian's* Side were the *Chians*, *Leſbians* and *Platæans*, the *Meſſenians* of *Naupaſtus*, moſt of the *Acar-nanians*, with the *Corcyræans* and *Zacynthians*; as alſo the maritime People of *Caria*, thoſe of *Doris*, *Ionia*, *Helleſpontus* and *Thrace*, and in general of all the Iſlands of the *Ægean*, except *Melos* and *Thera*. Of theſe the *Chians*, *Leſbians* and *Corcyræans* furniſhed ſhipping, the reſt Land Forces and Money.

The Pelopon-
neſians in-
vade Attica.

The *Peloponneſians*, on an appointed Day, came to their general Rendezvous in the *Iſthmus of Corinth*, from whence, under the Conduct of *Archidamus*, King of *Sparta*, they made an Iruption into *Attica*, and haraſſing the Country for that Campaign, at length retired into their Winter Quarters. In the mean time the *Athenians* ſent out a Fleet of a hundred Sail under the Command of three Admirals, who coaſting about to the Weſt of *Peloponneſus*, were there join'd by the *Corcyræan* Fleet, conſiſting of fifty Gallies, and with their united Forces making a Deſcent in *Elis*, laid that Province waſte; while another Squadron of thirty Ships ravaged other maritime Places, plundered *Thronium* and *Solion*, two *Corinthian* Towns, and took the City *Aſtaſtus*, together with the Iſland *Cephalenia*. On their return to *Athens* the People ſolemniz'd the Funerals of thoſe who were firſt ſlain in this War, and *Pericles* was made choice of to celebrate their Memory in an Oration ſuitable to the Occaſion. He, when *Archidamus* was the next Summer again fallen into *Attica*, with a Fleet of a hundred Sail paſſed over to *Epidaurus*, and ſpoil'd the adjacent Country, when repairing to *Troezen*, *Helias* and *Hermione*, he did the ſame, and then returned to *Athens*, by that time the Enemy had quitted the Frontiers.

Mutual Miſ-
chiefs done by
the Lacedæ-
monians and
Athenians.

At Sea this Summer the *Lacedæmonians* made an Attempt on the Iſland *Zacynthus*, (the modern *Zant*) where landing, they ravaged the Coaſts and repaired home; and a Squadron of twenty Sail of *Athenian* Gallies, under the Command of *Phormio*, was ſent to cruize in the *Sinus Criſſæus*, (now the Gulph of *Lepanto*) to intercept all Ships going to, or coming from *Corinth*. Six Gallies were alſo ſent over to *Caria* and *Lycia*, to fetch Money from the Confederate Cities there; but *Meleſander*, the Commander in chief, landing in a Port of *Lycia*, which was in the contrary Intereſt, was ſlain by the People, with a conſiderable Number of his Attendants; and thoſe of *Potidea*, who, at the Inſtigati-
on of the *Corinthians*,

had

had revolted from the *Athenians* at the beginning of the War, were now, after a long Siege, reduced to their Obedience.

The Potidæans reduced by the Athenians.

The third Year the *Peloponnesians* forbore to enter *Attica*, making *Bœotia* the Seat of the War; and *Cnemus*, the *Corinthian* Admiral, came to an Engagement with *Phormio* near the Mouth of the *Crissæan* Gulph. His Squadron consisted, as we have said, of twenty Sail, and that of the *Corinthians* of forty seven; but the *Athenian* Valour prevailed over their Enemy's Numbers, who having had twelve Gallies sunk in the Fight, made an ignominious Retreat to *Patræ* and *Dyme*, two Ports of *Achaia*. The *Peloponnesians* blamed their Admirals, in that they had not taken due Care for the Disposal of their Fleet, but placed those who were least acquainted with Sea Affairs against the *Athenians*; and to regain their lost Credit, they reinforced their Fleet with a strong Squadron, of which *Phormio* having notice, he sent likewise to *Athens* for more Ships and Men, without which he could nor hope for Success. They accordingly dispatched to him twenty Sail, with Orders to repair to *Crete* against the People of *Cydonia*, where having executed his Instructions, and destroyed the adjacent Country, he returned to his former Station near the Mouth of the Gulph of *Crissa*, where meeting with the *Peloponnesian* Fleet of seventy seven Sail, they joined Battel; but being not able to withstand the great Superiority of the Enemy, they were defeated, and forced to retire in Confusion. The Remnant of the *Athenian* Fleet, by the help of their Oars and Sails, made a shift to get into the Port of *Naupactus*, and the Enemy closely pursuing them, they there prepared to give them a Reception. One of the *Athenian* Gallies being just ready to enter the Port, and having one of *Leucadia* almost on board of her, tacking suddenly about, came against her with so great a shock as she immediately sunk. This Action somewhat disturbed the *Peloponnesians*, who were now crowding into the Port after the *Athenians*, but so eager were they to render their Victory compleat, that many of them heedlessly ran aground on the Shelves. In the midst of this Disorder and Confusion the *Athenians* attack the *Peloponnesians* with great Fury, and in their turn become Conquerors, taking six Gallies. However, they erected Trophies on both sides, the *Athenians* at *Naupactus*, because they had repulsed the Enemy from thence, and the *Peloponnesians* at *Rhium*, for that there they had sunk some of the *Athenian* Gallies. Before the Fleets were laid up, *Cnemus* and *Brasidas*, the *Peloponnesian* Admirals, at the Instigation of the *Megareans*, resolved to make an Attempt on the *Piræus*, the Port of *Athens*, as being very slenderly fortified, and as ill guarded. To this Purpose a Body of Seamen were sent by Land from *Corinth*, each with his Oar in his Hand, to *Nisæa*, the Sea Port of *Megara*, where they embarked on board forty Gallies; but their Hearts failing them as to the Enterprize of the *Piræus*, and the Wind withal being contrary, they contented themselves with falling upon three Guardships which lay under *Budorus*, a Fort on the Cape of *Salamis*, which was next *Megara*. These they took, and, landing in the Island, committed

The Athenians beat the Corinthians at Sea,

but are beaten by the Peloponnesians.

▪ *Lepanto:*

The Athenians beat the Peloponnesians at Naupactus.

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what spoil they could, and then reimbarcked. The Beacons fired by the People of the Island, had given notice to the *Athenians* of the Enemy's Approach, who immediately launching their Gallies, repaired on board in great Numbers, and leaving a sufficient Garrison in the *Piræus*, made the best of their way to *Salamis*; when the *Peloponnesians* finding they had taken the Alarm, returned to *Nisea*, as the *Athenians* soon after did to *Piræus*, where they erected some new Fortifications, and had it better secured against the Surprise of an Enemy.

The Peloponnesians break into Attica.

In the fourth Year of this War *Archidamus* with the *Peloponnesian* Army again broke into *Attica*; and all the Island of *Lesbos*, except *Metbymna*, declared for the *Lacedæmonians*. To punish this Treachery the *Athenians* dispatched a considerable Fleet under the Command of *Cleippides*, on whose Arrival before *Mitylene*, the Capital of that Island, the Townsmen made two Sallies, wherein they were repulsed with Loss, and *Cleippides* laid close siege to the Place: Mean while a strong Squadron under *Phormio* ravaged the Coast of *Laconia*, and thence repairing to *Acarmania*, plundered *OEnias*.

Athenians ravage Laconia.

Lacedæmonians ravage Attica.

Mitylene seized by the Athenians.

and
Platæa submits to the Lacedæmonians.

In the beginning of the fifth Year the *Lacedæmonians*, with their Allies, under the Conduct of *Pausanias*, the Son of *Plistonax* entered *Attica* with Fire and Sword, burning and destroying the Fruits of the Earth, and whatsoever they had left untouched in their former Incurfions, infomuch that they were themselves obliged to quit the Country for want of Provisions, being disappointed of the Supplies they expected from *Lesbos*. There the *Athenians* had by this time seized *Mitylene*, put to Death most of the Inhabitants, razed their Walls, taken away their Shipping, and totally subdued the Island. The People in *Platæa*, worn out by a long Siege, surrendered themselves to the *Lacedæmonians* at Discretion, two hundred of whom they put to Death, and all the *Athenians* among them were sold into Slavery, and the Town itself given for one Year as an Habitation to such *Megareans* as had been expelled their City by Faction, after which it was razed to the Ground, and the Land set to Farm. While these things were doing at *Platæa*, there happened a great Sedition in *Corcyra*, whither at one and the same time were invited both the *Athenian* and *Peloponnesian* Fleets, the Commons espousing the Interest of the former, and the chief Men that of the latter. The two Parties had several bloody Disputes within the City, and with various Success, until *Nicostratus*, who lay with twelve *Athenian* Gallies at *Nanpactus*, upon Notice of the Disturbance, timely arrived to the Assistance of the Commons, and reduced the Power of the Nobility. Soon after came the *Peloponnesian* Fleet, consisting of fifty Sail, under the Command of *Alcidas*, with which the twelve *Athenian* Gallies before-mention'd, and those of the *Corcyraens* had several sudden and tumultuary Skirmishes; but Affairs had soon turned again in favour of the Nobility, had not *Eurymedon*, the *Athenian* Admiral, arrived with a Fleet of sixty Sail to support the *Plebeians*. *Alcidas*, fearing the Superiority of the *Athenians*, he with great Dexterity and Dispatch conveyed

Skirmishes at Sea between the Peloponnesians and Athenians.

veyed his Gallies over the narrow *Isthmus of Leucas*, to prevent meeting the Enemy's Fleet, which he had Advice was them coming about that *Peninsula* (now the Island *St. Maure*) to give him Battel, and repaired himself by Land to *Peloponnesus*. The *Corcyrean* Nobility thus abandoned by the *Lacedæmonians*, were exposed to the Fury of the Commons, who committed a merciless Slaughter among them, and polluted with their Blood even the Temples where they had taken Sanctuary. *Eurymedon* having thus settled them in the Government, repaired on board the Fleet, and left the Island, after whose Departure such of the Nobles as had made their Escape seized on the Forts belonging to *Corcyra*, on the Continent of *Epirus*, and frequently crossing the Streight, committed Depredations in the Island with great Success, and at length being not able, after a long Sollicitation by their Agents at *Lacedæmon* and *Corinth*, to obtain any Assistance from thence, they mustered up all their Force, and with some auxiliary Soldiers passing over into the Island, on their landing set fire to their Boats, and possessed themselves of the Hill *Istoue*; which they fortified, and from thence made frequent Incurfions on the Commons, untill in the seventh Year of the War *Eurymedon* coming over from *Pylus*, besieged and took them Prisoners, and delivered them to the People, who barbarously murdered them to a Man.

A great Slaughter at Corcyra.

The latter end of this Summer the *Athenians* sent a Fleet of twenty Men of War, commanded by *Laches*, to *Sicily*, under Pretence of aiding the People of *Leontium* against the *Syracusans*, but in reality to prevent the *Peloponnesians* receiving Supplies of Corn and other Provisions from thence, and, if possible, to obtain the Dominion of that Island. Upon their Arrival, by the Assistance of the People of *Rhegium*, on the opposite Shores of *Italy*, they made a Descent upon the *Aeolian* Islands, (now thole of *Lipari*) which were in Confederacy with *Syracuse*, and ravaging such of them as were inhabited, returned to *Rhegium*.

The Athenians make a Descent on the Aeolian Islands.

The next Campaign the *Peloponnesians* intended to open with some notable Exploit in *Attica*, but were deterred from entering the Country by the frequent Earthquakes which then happened there: Mean while the *Athenians* fitted out two strong Squadrons, one of thirty Sail, under the Command of *Demosthenes*, to cruise about *Peloponnesus*, and infest the Coasts, the other of sixty, commanded by *Nicias*, to reduce the Island ^b *Melos*; which not being able to effect, they spoiled the Country, and repaired to the Coast of *Bæotia*; where landing, they defeated the People of *Tanagra* in an Engagement ashore, and then ravaged the Coasts of the *Locri Opuntii*, their next Neighbours. In *Sicily*, this Summer, the *Athenians* being, by an unexpected Assault of the Enemy, forced from *Himera*, repaired a second time to the *Aeolian* Islands, where they found *Pythodorus* arrived from *Athens* with a few Ships, expecting to be followed in a short time with a Fleet of sixty Sail, under the Command of *Sophocles* and *Eurymedon*.

The Athenians fit out two Squadrons, and do Michief in Peloponnesus.

^b *Melo.*

The Peloponnesians invade Attica,

and take Messana in Sicily.

c Nivario. The Athenians seize Pylus,

The seventh Year of the War, the *Peloponnesians* began, according to Custom, with an Irruption into *Attica*, under the Conduct of *Agis*, the Son of *Archidamus*. In *Sicily* the Campaign opened with the taking of *Messana*, then in the *Athenian* Interest, by a Squadron of ten Gallies of *Syracuse*, and as many of the *Locri Epizephyrii*, in *Italy*, their Allies. *Eurymedon* and *Sophocles* being detained by contrary Winds on the Coast of *Peloponnesus*, surprized and fortified ^c *Pylus*, a Town of *Messenia*, that lay very opportunely for infesting the Frontiers of *Laconia*, and left *Demosthenes* with a Squadron of five Sail to cruise thereabouts for the Security of the Place, and Annoyance of the Enemy.

and destroy the Lacedæmonian Ships, &c.

They seize Methion,

The *Lacedæmonians* immediately upon Advice thereof, as well knowing the Importance of that Town in the Hands of the *Athenians*, withdrew their Army out of *Attica*, and recalled their Fleet from *Coreyra*, in order to retake it. At the same time the *Athenian* Fleet having Notice of *Demosthenes's* Danger, returned from *Zacynthus* to his Relief, and coming before *Sphaacteria*, an Island at the Mouth of the Harbour, whereon the *Lacedæmonians* had landed a Body of Troops, endeavoured to force them to a Battel, which not being able to effect, the next Day they attacked the Ships there, of which they sunk several, took five, and had like to have seized and carried off to Sea most of the rest which lay nearer the Shore, but were repulsed by the superior Numbers of the *Lacedæmonians*: However they blocked up the Island so closely, that the Enemy, after having undergone great Strights, were at length all obliged to surrender Prisoners of War. The *Athenians* then strongly fortifying *Pylus*, repaired with their Fleet, loaden with Spoils, to the Eastern Coast of *Peloponnesus*, and landing near *Crommyon*, a Town belonging to the *Corinthians*, at the bottom of the *Sinus Saronicus*, (now the Gulf of *Engia*) plundered the adjacent Country, and departing thence, seized on *Methion*, a Place situate between *Epidaurus* and *Troezen*, which they environed with a Wall, and left a Garrison in it to infest the Inhabitants of those Towns.

Regio.

and beat the Fleet of Syracuse.

c Messina.

In *Sicily* the *Athenian* Fleet off of ^d *Rhegium*, (near which was its Station for the Security of that Place) came to an Engagement with the *Syracusans*, and defeated them, pursuing them into the Harbour of ^e *Messana*, which City they invested by Sea and Land. The People of *Leontium*, whether now grown jealous of the *Athenian* Power, or really become weary of the War, sent back the *Athenian* Auxiliaries, and made a Peace with the *Syracusans*, the Terms whereof were approved by the *Athenian* Admirals; which Proceeding of theirs was so condemned by the People at *Athens*, whose Designs were levell'd at the Subjection of the whole Island, that a Sentence of Banishment passed on two of them, and *Eurymedon*, the third, narrowly escaped with a great Fine, it being laid to their Charge (tho' falsely 'tis supposed) that having so fair an Opportunity of establishing the *Athenian* Power there, they had suffered themselves to be bought off.

They sentence their Admirals.

Next

Next Year the Exiles of *Lesbos* seized upon *Antandrus*, a City of *Mysia*, opposite to that Island, under the Mountain and Forest of *Ida*, which affording excellent Materials for Shipping, they resolved to fit out a Fleet there to annoy the Island, from whence they had been expelled by the *Athenians*. They in the mean time meditating greater Matters, with a Fleet of sixty Sail, commanded by *Nicias*, made a Descent on the Island *Cythera*, (now *Cerigo*) lying off *Laconia*, and carried *Scandea* at the first Assault. Then taking *Cythera*, the chief Town, they transported its Inhabitants elsewhere, and leaving good Garrisons in both Places, passed over to *Argia*, where they burnt and destroyed the Country about *Asine* and *Helias*, and from thence proceeding to *Troezen* and *Epidaurus*, did the like there. By Land, the *Athenians* failed in an Attempt on *Megara*, but surprized *Nisæa*, the Sea Port of that Place, which was also the chief Arsenal of the *Lacedæmonians*; but soon after lost it to *Brasidas* the *Spartan* General.

The Exiles of Lesbos seize upon Antandrus.

The Athenians seize Cythera, and other Places.

About the same time *Demodocus* and *Aristides*, who commanded a Squadron in the *Hellepont*, defeated the *Lesbian* Exiles, and took *Antandrus*. *Lamachus*, who was joined in Commission with the two former, going with a Squadron of ten Sail to *Heraclea*, on the *Euxine*, and unadvisedly entering the *Calex*, which there falls into the Sea, the Ships were all sunk in the Mouth of that River by the Impetuosity of the Current, but most of the Men saved, with whom he repaired over-land to *Chalcedon*. This Misfortune to the *Athenian* Affairs was followed by several others; for in *Beotia* almost all those under the Command of *Hippocrates* were, together with their General, slain at *Delium*, a Town on the Confines of *Attica*. The Forces also commanded by *Demosthenes*, which had made a Descent near *Sicyon*, were forced to their Ships with considerable Loss: And at the same time *Brasidas* had *Amphipolis* in *Macedonia* surrendered to him, a Town belonging to the *Athenians* in those Parts. The Cities also about the Mountain *Atbos* revolted from them to the *Peloponnesians*, particularly *Thyssa*, *Cleone*, *Acrotion* and *Olophyxus*; as did also several of the People of *Grestonia*, *Bizaltia* and *Eidonia*; and as *Brasidas* also took *Torone* by Treachery, and *Leeythus* by Storm, so *Scione* opened her Gates to him.

Leibin Exiles defeated.

Athenian Ships unadvisedly lost, and other Misfortunes.

The *Athenians* began the ninth Year with a publick Decree for the Reduction of *Scione*, and fitted out a Fleet for that Purpose, when soon after came Advice that *Mende*, a Town in the *Peninsula* of *Pellene*, had revolted to the *Lacedæmonians*; whereupon a Fleet of fifty Sail was sent out under the Command of *Nicias* and *Nicostratus*, who soon taking *Mende*, put to Death the Authors of the Revolt; and *Scione* was also, after a short Siege, surrendered to them.

Several Ships revolt from the Athenians.

Mende also revolts, but is recovered by them.

The tenth Year of this War *Cleon*, who commanded in chief for the *Athenians*, upon Advice that *Brasidas* had left *Torone* but slenderly garrisoned, repaired with a Squadron to the Port of *Colophon*, near that Place, and thence having detached ten Sail to *Torone*, with Orders to seize the Haven, and use their best Endeavours to

Cleon visits the Athenians

enter the Place on that side, disembarked the Troops, and marched himself at the Head of them toward the Town, as if he intended to invest it by Land; which the Inhabitants endeavouring to prevent, with their whole Force drawn to oppose him, the *Athenians* from the Ships, by this time got into the Harbour, entered without Opposition, and opening their Gates to their Fellow-Soldiers, presently rendered themselves Masters of the Town, making the Women and Children Slaves, and carrying the Men Prisoners to *Athens*.

take Torone.

A fifty Year's Peace concluded,

The ill Success of the *Lacedæmonians* at *Pylus*, together with the Loss of the Island *Cythera*, and other Misfortunes, had so broken their Spirits, that they became very desirous of a Peace, to which the *Athenians* were now the more disposed, that they might be at leisure to prosecute their Designs upon *Sicily*. A Peace was accordingly concluded between them for fifty Years, in the Negotiation whereof *Nicias* having had a principal Hand, it was called the *Nicean Peace*. The *Lacedæmonians*, in a Treaty for a Cessation of Arms preliminary thereto, consented to an Article that it should not be lawful for them to make use of any Ship of War on any Occasion whatsoever, but should only sail in Merchant Ships, and those too of a very small Burthen; which was a Condition the most dishonourable the *Spartan* Common-wealth ever made, and was little expected by their Confederates would have been ever condescended to.

but soon violated by several who were included therein.

This Peace, concluded for fifty Years, continued in force but ten, if a Peace may be said to have at all subsisted between those People, which, tho' not directly in their own Persons, was every Day violated in those of their Confederates comprehended therein; as though they were less guilty of Perjury and Breach of Treaty in giving Aid to those their Confederates, than if they had carried on the War in their own Names.

Athens supports the Argives against the Lacedæmonians. Alcibiades.

The six following Years were mostly spent in a War between the *Lacedæmonians* and *Argives*, which latter, after they had maintained it some time, aided by their Allies the *Eleans* and *Mantineans*, were supported by the *Athenians*, in pursuance of a League entered into with them for a hundred Years, through the Management of *Alcibiades*.

C H A P. VII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the great Expedition of the Athenians against Sicily, to their utter Defeat in that Island by the Syracusans.

THE good Fortune of the *Athenians* was now arrived to too great a Height for them to bear it with Moderation, having not only obtained the absolute Dominion of the Sea, by *Sparta's* resigning all Pretensions that way, but increased their Reputation to a prodigious Degree by the Surrender of the *Spartans* at *Pylus*. It was remember'd that at *Thermopylae* indeed the *Lacedaemonians* were beaten and cut to pieces, to a Man, by the *Persians*; but the *Athenians* were the only People upon Earth to whom they had delivered up their Arms, surrender'd their Persons, and received Peace from, on dishonourable and ignominious Terms. The Fame of these things, and Terror of the *Athenian* Name, soon pass'd into *Italy*, and reached even *Carthage* itself; nor did they make any Secret of it, that they had some great Designs in view to the Westward, to facilitate the Execution whereof, they thought it absolutely necessary first to possess themselves of *Sicily*, a rich and populous Island, and Mistress of a great Sea Force, the Accession of which would be a vast Advancement to their Affairs. This Design had been projected almost ever since the Conclusion of the *Persian* War, but vigorously and effectually to prosecute it, by transporting a sufficient Power to so distant a Country, (as *Sicily* appear'd to the Navigators of those Times) they had not any Opportunity till now, when having gotten their Hands somewhat clear of the *Lacedaemonians*, who were deeply embroil'd with the *Argives*, at the same time a fair Pretence offer'd for their Expedition to the aforesaid Island, the *Egestans*, a People in the Western Parts thereof, having by their Ambassadors pray'd their Assistance against the *Selinuntians* and *Syracusans*, who had made an Irruption into their Territories, and laid waste the Country.

Athenians have the absolute Dominion of the Sea.

The Athenians have a Design on Sicily.

At this time the two Men who bore the most considerable Sway in *Athens* were *Nicias* and *Alcibiades*, Persons of very different Characters. The first somewhat advanced in Years, of great Experience, and consequently very wary and cautious, who considered that tho' the Affairs of the Common-wealth were now in a very flourishing Condition, yet they were not enough confirm'd to admit of such hazardous Undertakings, and would frequently thunder out like an Oracle, that fatal was the End of all Wars which were not grounded on Necessity. The other was young, rash, bold and turbulent, of prodigious Parts, cultivated with Learning, (he having been a Disciple of *Socrates*) and adorned with an Eloquence equal to the greatest Orators of his Time. These Advantages, joined with his noble Birth, the Glory of his Ancestors, and his great

The different Characters of Nicias and Alcibiades.

great Riches, which he employed in Donatives, publick Shows, and all sorts of Munificence, together with the Reputation he had already gained in military Affairs, easily gained him the favour of the People, and he being violently inclined to this Expedition as well as themselves, by an Oration he made on the Subject, set them so on fire that there was no room left for them to hearken in the least to the wholesome Advice of *Nicias*: And accordingly the War was resolved on. The Management of it was committed to three Generals, *Alcibiades* the Promoter of it, *Nicias* who was against it, and *Lamachus*, one of the most considerable men of the City, in *Alcibiades's* Interest. A Fleet of a hundred and thirty Sail was immediately fitted out, so magnificently furnished both by the Publick, and the respective Officers, that they seemed rather going to celebrate a Triumph than to meet an Enemy: And their Levies as well for Sea as Land were quickly completed, both young and old crouding to be enroll'd in this Service.

Alcibiades prevails for a War against Sicily.

In the mean time the soberer sort of Citizens prayed indeed for its Success, but were in pain for the Event, and seemed to forebode it would have no good one, sending heavy Curses at *Alcibiades* for sacrificing (as they said) his Country to his own Luxury and Ambition; and as for the *Grecian* Cities, their Confederates, they looked on it more as an Ostentation of their Riches, and what they were able to do, than a real Design against an Enemy.

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The Athenian Fleet sails for Sicily.

It was now the seventeenth Year since the Beginning of the *Peloponnesian* War, when all things being in readines, and the Troops embarked, to the Number of five thousand, the Fleet made Sail for *Corcyra*, where arriving, they found the auxiliary Fleet ready to join them, consisting of above two hundred Ships.

In the mean time the News of these Preparations having reached *Sicily*, it was variously received, some entirely disbelieving it, and looking on it only as a State Trick of the Nobles to terrify and amuse the People, others that it was a thing not improbable, and as it was very possible, ought by no means to be neglected. *Hermocrates*, a Man of great Abilities, and one of the first Rank in *Syracuse*, having at length certain Advice of the truth of it, communicated the matter to an Assembly of the People, and advised them to lay aside their Animosities, and heartily unite in defence of the Publick, at the same time exhorting them not to be discouraged with too great Apprehensions of the Enemy, for that it very rarely happened that such numerous Forces, at so great Distance from home, met with Success, but, on the contrary, generally came to a disastrous End. Then enlarging on their own Strength and Power, he put them in mind of what they might expect from others, and advised them to send Ambassadors to desire Aid of the *Peloponnesians* and *Carthaginians*, the former the old Enemies of *Athens*, and the latter already alarmed at the rising Power of that City, and therefore ready to lay hold of any Opportunity to crush it.

Tarentum, etc. refuses to join with the Athenians.

The *Athenian* Fleet had by this time crossed the *Ionian* Sea, and came before *Tarentum*, whose Inhabitants would not permit any Intercourse between the Ships and the Town, not so much as for a

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Market, nor would they, without much difficulty, afford them leave to water. The like Treatment they received from most of the other Cities in those Parts, tho' all of *Grecian* Original, they declaring they would not be any ways instrumental in the Invasion of *Sicily*, but observe a strict Neutrality on both sides. Frustrated of their hopes of these Cities, they repair'd to *Rbegium*; and fell to deliberate on their further Proceedings, in which what first offered to their Consideration was, where they should make their Descent; but in that they could not come to a Determination, 'till the Return of the Ships they had detached before them from *Corcyra* to the *Egeffians*, about the Money those People had engaged to provide for Payment of the Army, most of which Charge was to be defrayed by them. These Ships brought Advice that there was not any Money provided, nor were the People in a Capacity to raise any, or comply with the least Part of their Engagement, having imposed on the Ministers the *Athenians* had before sent to treat with them, by making a false Shew of their Wealth, artificially exposing to their view the Riches of their Temples, and Plate borrow'd from the neighbouring Cities. On the Riches of these People they had so much depended, that this News caused a mighty Consternation among them, and the Generals now taking into Consideration the present State of Affairs, *Nicias* was of Opinion that the whole Fleet should repair toward *Selinus*, against which they were chiefly set forth, and if the *Egeffians* would furnish them with Money, according to the Agreement, that then they should deliberate on their further Proceedings, but if not, they determined to require Maintenance for the sixty Gallies which were fitted out at their request, and either by force, or composition, to bring the *Selinuntians* and them to a Peace: After this to pass along and alarm the Enemies Coast, and having thus made a Shew of the *Athenian* Power, and their readiness to help their Confederates, to return home. *Alcibiades's* Sentiments were, that it would be very dishonourable for so considerable a Fleet to return home without having performed any thing suitable to the greatness of the Preparations; that he thought it therefore best to found the Minds of the *Siculi*, and solicit them to revolt from the *Syracusans*, which if they could not prevail with them to do by fair means to force them to it by foul; that they should make choice of some well fortified Town to land the Troops at, with a Harbour for the Reception and Security of the Fleet; but if no such could be found in the Hands of their Friends, that they should seize on some one, either by force or fraud, where they might securely view the Situation of Affairs, and take their Measures accordingly. As for *Lamachus*, he advised, that they should go directly to *Syracuse*, the Capital City, while the Troops were yet fresh and vigorous, and the People there under consternation; for that an Army was always most terrible before the Enemy recollected their Spirits, and made the danger familiar to them. Such was his Opinion, he said; but if they could not come into that, he acquiesced in what *Alcibiades* had proposed, as thinking it highly proper that something should be attempted. It was accordingly resolved to pursue *Alcibiades's*

The Athenian Generals deliberate about their Proceedings.

The Egeffians fail in their Supplies of Money.

Alcibiades's Advice.

Lamachus's Advice to seize Syracuse.

The Syracu-
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des's Design, and endeavour to bring over some of the *Sicilian* Cities to their Party: Mean while the *Syracusans* appointed three Generals for the management of the War, *Hermocrates*, *Sicanus*, and *Heraclides*, who with all expedition had got together an Army, and received into Confederacy with them the People of *Himera*, *Messana*, *Selinus*, the *Geloi*, and most of the *Siculi*.

Catana was
won by Al-
cibiades.

One of the *Athenian* Admirals continued with a strong Squadron near *Rhegium*, to influence those Parts, while the other two repaired with sixty Sail towards *Syracuse*, detaching ten Ships before them into the Haven of that City, to give notice to the *Leontines* residing there of their Arrival to settle the Affairs of *Leontium*, which had, almost ever since the forementioned Treaty, been at all terms with *Syracuse*. The Fleet coming off *Catana*, *Alcibiades*, partly by persuasion, and partly by force, brought the People of that place to embrace the *Athenian* Interest, but failed in his Attempts to do the like with those of *Messana*, and other Cities thereabouts; whereupon the Squadron being recalled from *Rhegium* came into the Harbour of *Catana*, where a Camp was also formed on shore.

Alcibiades
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Now arriv'd a Gally from *Athens*, with Orders from the State for *Alcibiades* to repair home, and take his Trial for the Crimes he was charg'd with, of having prophaned the Mysteries of *Ceres* and *Proserpine*, and been concerned in defacing the Statues of *Mercury* throughout the City. He, whether apprehensive of the Power of his Enemies, or really conscious of his Guilt, fled first to *Italy*, and thence to *Peloponnesus*, where receiving Letters of safe Conduct from *Sparta*, he repaired thither, and was taken into great Trust and Friendship, assuring them that he would make them amends by his future Services for all the Mischief he had done them whilst he was their Enemy. His Advice to them was first to lend Succours to the *Syracusans*, secondly to come to an open Rupture with the *Athenians*, and thirdly to fortify *Decelea*, a Town in *Attica*, and place a strong Garrison in it, which by reason of its near Neighbourhood to *Athens* would extremely annoy that City.

The Athen-
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Lamachus and *Nicias* now dividing the Fleet into two Squadrons, took a different Course about the Island of *Sicily*, soliciting the maritime Cities to take part with them, which having prevailed with some of them to do, and received Supplies of Men and Provisions, they re-assembled their whole Force to undertake the Siege of *Syracuse*, in order where to they repaired first to *Thapsus*, a Peninsula within few Miles of that place, from whence the Land Forces march'd to *Epipole*, an Eminence that overlook'd the City of *Syracuse*, which they fortified with very strong Lines, to cut off the Communication of the Place on the Land Side; not but that the *Syracusans*, to interrupt the Works, made frequent Sallics, in one of which *Lamachus* was killed. The sole Command was now devolved upon *Nicias*, when *Gylippus*, whom the *Lacedaemonians* had sent at the head of a considerable Force to aid the *Syracusans*, arriv'd in *Sicily*, and landing at *Himera*, there haled his Gallies ashore, and march'd over land to *Syracuse*; but before he reach'd the place *Consilus*, the *Corinthian* Admiral, who was sent on the same Er-
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rand, was already arrived, and encouraged the Towns-men to a vigorous defence, and not to hearken to an accommodation. By the Accession of all this force the Enemy became greatly superior, and therefore there were dispatched to *Nicias* ten Ships with a considerable Sum of Money, and two other Persons were join'd in Commission with him, in the room of *Alcibiades* and *Lamachus*. These were *Eurymedon* and *Demosthenes*, the latter of whom was first sent out on the Coast of *Laconia* with a Fleet of sixty Sail.

By the Persuasions of *Gylippus* the *Spartan*, *Consilus* the *Corinthian*, and *Hermocrates* their own General, the *Syracusans* were prevailed with to try their Fortune on the salt Water. That City is situate on a Neck of Land jutting into the Sea, of which it takes up the whole Space, and the Land about it lies so as to form two Havens on the North and South Sides thereof, of which the latter is the great one, and the former the less. In the Bottom of the great Haven lay the *Athenian* Fleet, and in the same, but under the Protection of the Town, the *Syracusans* had thirty five Gallies, having a much greater Number in the little Haven on the other Side, where was their Arsenal. The Entrance of the great Haven was very narrow, and the *Athenians* having possessed themselves of the Promontory of *Plemmyrium*, which guarded the Passage, the *Syracusans* were at a loss how to bring in their Gallies from the other Haven. They nevertheless resolved to attempt it, and the two Fleets came to a sharp Engagement in the Mouth of the Haven, wherein the *Athenians* beginning to give way, the *Syracusans* crowded in so fast, and in such Disorder, that they fell foul of one another, in which Confusion the *Athenians* again attacked, and totally routed them, sinking eleven of their Gallies. During the heat of this Engagement, while the *Athenians* upon *Plemmyrium* were wholly taken up in viewing it, *Gylippus* took a Circuit round the Head of the Haven with a Body of chosen Men, entered the Outworks without Opposition, and forced the *Athenians* from the rest with great Precipitation: For which success ashore the *Syracusans* erected a Trophy on *Plemmyrium*, as the *Athenians* did near their Camp, on account of their Victory by Water. But the loss of the *Athenians* was by much the greatest; for in the Fortification at *Plemmyrium* they kept most of their Stores of War, and a great deal of the Publick Money, which was all taken by the Enemy, who now commanding the Entrance of the Haven, they could receive no Supplies of Provision, or ought else for the Camp, or Fleet, but what they were oblig'd by Fight to obtain a Passage for.

The Haven being at length open for the *Syracusans*, they sent out twelve Gallies, under the Command of *Agatharchus*, to intercept a Convoy of Stores and Provisions they had Advice was coming to the *Athenians* from *Rhegium*, and the Parts adjacent, falling in with which, they destroyed most of them, and thence repairing to *Caulonia*, they burnt near that place a considerable Quantity of Timber which the *Athenians* had there framed for building their Gallies. Soon after a light Skirmish happened in the Haven about some Piles the *Syracusans* had driven down before their old Harbour,

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The Situation of Syracuse.

The Syracuse Fleet routed in the Haven, but

the Athenians worsted on Shore, and Plemmyrium regain'd.

An Athenian Convoy destroyed. A Skirmish in the Haven of Syracuse.

that fo their Gallies might ride in Security from any Assault of the *Athenians*; who thereupon brought to the place a large Hulk, fortified with wooden Turrets, and covered against Fire, from whence they sent out Men in their Boats, who fastening Ropes to the *Piles*, they in that manner forced them up; and some of them their Divers fawed afunder at the bottom. In the mean time the *Syracusans*, from the Harbour, and the *Athenians*, from the Hulk, shot at each other, till at length the greatest part of the *Piles* were gotten up: But almost as fast as they were removed, the *Syracusans* drove down others.

Their Success in gaining the Works at *Plemmyrium*, beforemention'd, was looked on to be so considerable as all *Sicily* inclined to their Side, except the *Agrigentines*; yet were there after this several other slight Engagements between the *Syracusans* and *Athenians*, wherein sometimes the one and sometimes the other had the Advantage. At length, in pursuance of the Advice of *Ariston*, a *Corinthian*, and a very expert Seaman, the *Syracusans* shorthen'd the Heads of their Gallies, and made them lower, with Beaks of a great Thickness, which they also strengthened with Rafters fastened to the Sides of the Gallies, both within and without; and with these they offered the *Athenians* Battel, who prepared to engage them with eighty Sail, having the rest of their Naval Force in the Bottom of the Haven. At a proper Distance from that Part of the Fleet which lay there, they placed two large Hulks, with a sufficient Space between them for a Gally conveniently to pass through, that so such as should be hard pressed in the Fight might retire to a Place of Security. The *Athenians* were superior to the Enemy both in the Number and Nimbleness of their Ships, and the Skill, Dexterity and Discipline of their Seamen, all which as they would almost have ascertained a Victory in the open Sea, so were they of little Use now they were shut up in a Haven, and wanted Sea-room to exert themselves. They fought several Hours with various Success, till at length, about Noon, *Ariston* advised that the *Syracusans* might take their Repast upon the Strand, and not go up into the Town as usual, who accordingly rowed suddenly astern towards the City, and there dined on the Shore. The *Athenians* looking upon this as a Retreat from the Battel, landed at leisure, and among other Business prepared for their Repast, as little expecting to fight any more that Day; but the *Syracusans* returning aboard, came down again towards them, when they in great Tumult, the most Part having not taken any Food, embarking disorderly, went out to meet them, and again they engaged each other. The *Syracusans* fighting, as they had before determined, with their Gallies Head to Head with those of the *Athenians*, and being provided with Beaks for the Purpose, did great Execution among them; and they were also greatly annoyed by the Darters from the Decks, but much more by those *Syracusans* who going about in small Boats, passed under the Oars of their Gallies, and coming close to the Sides of them, threw their Darts at the Mariners. The *Syracusans* vigorously prosecuting these Advantages, at length obtained the Victory, and forced the *Athe-*

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nians to retire between the two Hulks beforemention'd to their Harbour, closely pursuing them thither; nay they had entered after them, had they not been prevented by a Contrivance of the *Athenians*, who having hung from the Yard Arms prodigious Weights of Lead, cast into the Form of Dolphins, they, as the Gallies approached near enough, let them down with great Violence, and by this means sunk one of the *Syracusan* Gallies which ventured too far, and so disabled another that they took her with all her Men.

In this Battel the *Syracusans* having sunk seven *Athenian* Gallies, spoiled as many, and taking and killing great Numbers, they retired and erected a Trophy on the Shore, promising themselves from this Success soon to bring the War to a Conclusion; but in the midst of these their Hopes, *Demosthenes* and *Eurymedon* arrived to the Assistance of the *Athenians*, with a Fleet of seventy three Sail, having on Board five thousand Soldiers, with three thousand Slingers and Darters. Notwithstanding this, the *Athenians* began to grow weary of fighting at Sea, and endeavour'd to gain some Outworks of the Town on the Land Side, but being repulsed in the Attempt with great Loss, *Demosthenes* and *Eurymedon* declared themselves for returning to *Athens*, but *Nicias* strongly opposed it, as well for the Infamy which, as he said, would attend so dishonourable a Retreat, as for that they should be charged, as the former Generals were, with having been corrupted with Money from performing their Duty.

The Athenians receive & Re-inforce-ment.

Demosthenes and Eurymedon's Advice, opposed by Nicias.

The *Syracusans* having Intelligence of these Debates, became yet more bold, attacked the *Athenian* Camp by Land, and with their Gallies closely blocked up the Month of the Haven, and thence provoked the *Athenians* to fight. *Heraclides*, a Youth of Quality, who had the Command of one of the *Syracusan* Gallies, came up very near to the *Athenians*, and in all Probability had been taken, but that *Poliuchus*, to whom he was related, came with ten Gallies to his Relief; and the *Syracusans*, anxious for the Safety of *Poliuchus*, resolved, if possible, to force the *Athenians* to a general Engagement, in order whereunto they manned out seventy six Gallies, disposing at the same time several Bodies of Land Forces along the Shore, to prevent the Enemy's Escape. The *Athenians*, though there was a great Consternation among them, being much fitter to flee than to fight, yet were they obliged, in their own Defence, to withstand the Enemy, and prepared to receive them with eighty six Gallies. Both Fleets were now disposed in order of Battel: To *Eurymedon* was given the Right Wing of the *Athenians*, to whom was opposed *Agatharchus* by the *Syracusans*. *Euthydemus* had the Command of their Left Wing, and had to do with *Sicanus* in the Right of the *Syracusans*, in whose Center was *Pythes* a *Corinthian*, as was *Menander* in that of the *Athenians*. The Signal for engaging being displayed, *Eurymedon*, relying on his Superiority of numbers, advanced with his Division, in order to surround that of the Enemy opposite to him, and was at length got so far from the Center, that the *Syracusans* cut off his Retreat, and forced him into a Cove surrounded with their Troops, where endeavouring to land and fight his Way through, he was slain, with great Numbers of

The Syracusans beat the Athenian Gallies.

his Men, and all his Ships fell into the Hands of the Enemy. The News of this Misfortune drove the *Athenians* almost to Despair, so that being now less able to resist the Fury of the *Syracusans*, they were soon forced to retire in so great Confusion, that they split several of their Gallies against the Rocks, and ran many of them aground. As they were landing their Men near the Place where *Gylippus* lay with the Troops, *Sicanus*, one of the *Syracusan* Admirals, filled an old Hulk with Faggots, and other combustible Matter, and setting fire to it, sent her afore the Wind toward the *Athenian* Gallies; but they took such effectual Care to keep her off, that his Design had no Effect; mean while they got the better of the *Syracusan* Troops ashore under *Gylippus*, and forced them to retire into the Town.

The Athenians have the better on shore.

In this Engagement the *Athenians* are said to have lost thirty three Gallies, and the *Syracusans*, thus encouraged, were meditating greater Matters, for they began to reflect what Glory they should acquire to themselves, not only among the *Greeks*, who would be universally obliged to them for freeing them from the Usurpations of *Athens*, but also among other Nations, if they could not only withstand, as they had hitherto done, but likewise totally destroy so powerful a Fleet and Army, which they resolved, if possible, to compass. To this End, they placed in the Mouth of the Haven, which was there about a Mile over, such a Number of Gallies, Head and Stern together, as took up the whole Space, and thus deprived the *Athenians* of all Means of Escape, unless they could force their way through. *Nicias*, finding himself under a Necessity of attempting to break this Chain, embarked the Seamen and Troops on board a hundred and ten Gallies, in order thereunto, resolving, if they succeeded, to repair home, but if they should be repulsed, to disembark again, set the Gallies on fire, and make the best of their way by Land to some confederate City in *Sicily*. They attacked the *Syracusans* with great Vigour, and were as warmly received by them, so that never was any Battel fought with greater Obstinacy and Fury on both sides, and considering the Narrowness of the Space there was not room for retreating and attacking again, but the Gallies lay close with their Broadfides together, so that the Men fought hand to hand as if they had been engaged on shore: And besides the Nature of the Place which made it necessary so to do, *Nicias*, to prevent the Enemy's making use of the Barks of their Ships so effectually as they had done in the former Engagement, ordered a Number of grappling Irons to be slung out of each of his Gallies, in order to bring them with their Broadfides to those of the Enemy, and so elude the Stroke of the Beaks; but to hinder the Success of this Stratagem, the *Syracusans* covered their Gallies with Hides, in which the grappling Irons taking no hold, easily slipped off. In this Engagement the Valour of the *Syracusans* far exceeded either their Art or their good Fortune. They laid the *Athenian* Gallies aboard, and pouring in Numbers of Men, committed great Slaughter among them, and at length forced them back, in the utmost Disorder, to their old Station. *Demosthenes* would have again attempt-

Disposition of the *Syracusan* Gallies in the Mouth of the Haven.

The Athenians resolve to force their Passage.

Nicias's Stratagem eluded,

ed, the next Morning, to force the *Syracusan* Line with sixty Gallies which yet remained in good Condition, but the Seamen were so dispirited with their former ill Success, that they unanimously refused to go aboard; upon which the Generals came to a Resolution to decamp the next Night; mean while the *Syracusans* made another Attempt on the *Athenian* Gallies, some of which they took and carried off, others they burnt: And having Intelligence of the Enemy's Design to retire by Land, seized all the Passes, in order to cut off their Retreat. *Eurymedon* was already slain in the Engagement at Sea, and *Nicias* and *Demosthenes* were only remaining, who having thus lost all their Fleet, left their Dead unburied, and their Wounded to the Mercy of the Enemy, and fled with Precipitation, but after making several fruitless Attempts to escape, surrender'd themselves Prisoners at Discretion, together with the whole Army under their Command, whereupon they were both put to Death, and the Men either condemned to the Mines, or sold into Slavery.

and all the Athenian Gallies taken, or burnt.

And being also overcome on shore, surrender.

CHAP. VIII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the Overthrow of the Athenians in Sicily, to the Victory obtained over them by Lyfander, the Spartan General, at Egospotamos, and the end of the Peloponnesian War.

WHEN the News of this terrible Disaster reached *Athens*, they would give no Credit to it, but having it soon confirm'd beyond Contradiction, they were filled with Terror, Amazement and Despair, fearing nothing less than that the victorious Enemy would immediately repair to their City and level it with the Ground; and these dismal Apprehensions were the more increased, for that they had neither a Fleet, an Army, nor Money.

The People of Athens much terrified.

In the mean time the *Peloponnesians*, under the Command of *Agis*, laid waste the Country about *OEta*, raised great Contributions among the *Thessalians*, and received into their Protection the Islands *Eubœa* and *Lesbos*, which now revolted from the *Athenians*; who in the midst of these Misfortunes, made a shift to fit out twenty Gallies. These were no sooner got out into the Gulph, than they fell in with *Alcarnenes*, one of the *Lacedæmonian* Admirals, just then come out of *Cenchrea*, a Port of the *Corinthians*, and defeated them in two Engagements, in the latter of which he was slain; but *Alcibiades*, now in the *Spartan* Service, soon revenged his Death, by procuring the Revolt of *Chios* and *Clazomenæ* from the *Athenians*, which was soon after followed by that of the *Milesians*, and a League Offensive and Defensive was struck up between the

The Peloponnesians mischief the Athenians.

Lacedæmonians beaten at Sea.

Places revolt from Athens.

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Lacedæmonians and *Tissaphernes*, one of the *Persian* Governours of the *Lesser Asia*. In Pursuance of which, the *Lacedæmonian* Fleet being increased by the Accession of several Ships of his, reduced to their Obedience the Cities of *Teos*, *Lebedus*, and *Era*.

The Athenians have the better at sea, and take Chios,

but

afterwards lose some Ships.

Alcibiades reconciled to the Athenians.

The Athenians beaten at sea near Eretria.

An Action in the Hellespont

between the Athenians and Lacedæmonians;

A little before these things were done in *Ionia*, a Squadron of twenty seven Sail from *Athens*, which cruised off *Leucadia*, fell in with the Enemy's Fleet coming from *Sicily*, having on board *Gylippus*, with the Troops returning from that Island, and chased them into the very Port of *Corinth*. The *Athenians* also, near *Bolissus*, defeated the Fleet of *Chios*, and, in consequence of that Victory, recovered the whole Island, fifteen hundred of whose Inhabitants they embarked on board the Fleet, made sail for *Miletus*, and invested that Place, and soon after laid siege to *Samos*: But about the same time seven *Athenian* Ships falling in with *Astyochus*, off *Cyme*, they were all taken, or destroyed.

The *Lacedæmonians* now began to grow jealous of *Alcibiades*, by means of *Agis*, whose Wife he had debauched, and he becoming as weary of them, retired to *Tissaphernes*, insinuated himself into his Favour, and was soon after reconciled to the *Athenians*, who putting him at the Head of their Fleet, their Affairs would soon have flourished again, had they not fallen out among themselves about altering the Form of their Government. However an end was at length put to these Diffensions, by the Power of *Alcibiades*, and the Enemy's coming before *Pireus* with a Fleet under the Command of *Hegesandridas*, when they embarked on board the Ships in a very disorderly manner, and going out to engage them, off *Eretria*, received a signal Overthrow, losing two and twenty Sail. This Misfortune, together with the Revolt of *Byzantium* and *Eubæa*, brought the *Athenians* to an Agreement among themselves, as knowing their Affairs would be otherwise entirely ruined; and accordingly the *Oligarchy* was abolished, and the Government of the People again set up, who immediately passed a Decree that *Alcibiades*, and those who were in Exile with him, should be called home.

Thrasylus, on the Coasts of *Asia*, coming from *Samos* to *Lesbos*, *Mindarus*, the *Peloponnesian* Admiral, to avoid meeting with him, repaired with the Fleet under his Command toward the *Hellepont*, touching by the way at Cape *Sigeum*: And there being at *Sestos*, within the *Hellepont*, two and twenty *Athenian* Ships, which upon notice of the Enemy's Approach, by the Fires made in the Watch-Towers along the Coast, were at break of Day making toward *Eleus*, just without the Mouth of that Streight, that so they might have room to escape, if the Enemy should not pass by without discovering them, they were no sooner in sight, than the *Athenians* crowded from them with all the Sail they could make, and got safe to *Lemnos*, except the four stern-most of the Squadron, one of which split against the Rocks, two others were sunk, and the fourth was burnt near *Imbros*: And now *Thrasylus*, who lay before *Eretrus* in *Lesbos*, hearing of the Enemy's Departure for the *Hellepont*,

port, raised the Siege of that Place, and repaired to the Assistance of the *Athenians*, who in his way received into his Protection some Ships of that Republick, to which the *Lacedæmonians* were giving Chace, and took two of their Gallies: And now he thought it proper, if possible, to bring them to an Engagement, which he effected after spending five Days in Preparations for it. The *Athenian* Fleet sailed along not far from *Sestos*, while the *Peloponnesians* came down the *Hellespont*, on the other side, near *Abydus*, and when they were opposite to each other, they drew up in a Line of Batrel, the *Lacedæmonians* stretching along the *Asiatick* Shore from *Abydus* to *Dardanus*, and the *Athenians* along the *European* from *Didacus* to *Arrbiana*. In the Right of the *Lacedæmonians* were the *Syracusans*, and their Left was commanded by *Mindarus*. *Thrasylus* had the Left Wing, and *Thrasylulus* the Right of the *Athenians*, which latter, in the beginning of the Fight, was worsted by the *Peloponnesians*, and almost forced ashore near *Cynos-sema*. *Thrasylus*, in the Left Wing, not only defeated the *Syracusans* which were opposed to him, but also the *Lacedæmonians*, whom he drove into the Mouth of the *Pydius*, and some under the Protection of *Abydus*, taking two and twenty Ships, but with the Loss of fifteen of the *Athenians*; and this Victory over the *Lacedæmonians* was of very great Importance, for that it raised the dejected Spirits of the People, and put new Life into their Affairs.

wherein the Athenians have the Advantage.

Not long after another Engagement happened near *Abydus*, which had lasted from Morning till Night, and was still dubious, when *Alcibiades* arriving with eighteen Sail, soon put the Enemy to flight, although *Pharnabazus*, the *Persian* Governour of *Hellespontus*, came down to their Assistance by Land, and did what he could to cover the Ships as they lay under the Shore. The *Athenians* not only recovered their own Gallies they had lost in the last Fight, but took thirty of the Enemy's, and erected a Trophy; and *Alcibiades*, after this Victory, went to visit *Tissaphernes*, who now, to recover the good Opinion of the *Peloponnesians*, whose Cause he had seemed for some time to abandon, seized on his Person, and confined him, but he luckily escaping in few Days, got again on board the *Athenian* Fleet, with which he went in Quest of the Enemy, then riding in the Port of *Cyzicus*. With twenty of his best Ships he broke through the *Peloponnesian* Fleet, pursued those who abandoned their Ships and fled to Land, and made a great Slaughter of them, among whom fell *Mindarus* himself; and the taking of all the Enemy's Gallies, together with the Surrender of *Cyzicus*, which had receiv'd a *Peloponnesian* Garrison, was the Reward of the Victory.

Alcibiades routs the Peloponnesian Fleet.

Alcibiades goes to Tissaphernes.

The Peloponnesians beaten at Cyzicus, and that Place taken,

and

Alcibiades, after this, ravaged the Coasts of the *Lesser Asia* with his Fleet, won several Battels, and being every where a Conqueror, reduced those Cities which had revolted, took others, and united them to the *Athenian* Government. Thus, having vindicated the ancient Glory of his Countrymen by Sea, and crowned the same with several Victories by Land, he returned to *Athens*, where he was impatiently expected by the whole City. In these Engagements he had taken two hundred Ships, and a very great Booty from the E-

Alcibiades being flushed with other Successes, he returns to Athens.

nemy.

nemy, and People of all Ages and Conditions went out to meet this triumphant Army, admiring the Gallantry of all the Soldiers in general, but especially of *Alcibiades*, a Person who was of himself so considerable a Weight in the Balance, that he subverted a most flourishing Government, and again restored it by his own Power, Victory still attending him, whatsoever side he espoused, and Fortune seeming not so much his Mistress as his Slave. Him they therefore received not only with human, but divine Honours; so that 'tis difficult to say whether they more contumeliously expelled, or more honourably recalled him: And those very Gods they brought to congratulate his Return, to whose Execrations they had before devoted him. Such was the Reception of *Alcibiades*, who never knew a Medium either in the Displeasure or Affections of the *Athenians*.

The Lacedæmonians make *Lysander* their General.

While this happened at *Athens*, the *Lacedæmonians* made *Lysander* their General both by Sea and Land, and *Darius*, the second King of *Persia* of that Name, constituted his Son *Cyrus* Governor of *Ionia* and *Lydia*, who assisted the *Lacedæmonians* with Men and Money, and put them in hopes of retrieving their Affairs. *Lysander* entered upon his Office with great Pleasure on this account, and receiving from *Cyrus* a Month's Pay for the Troops and Seamen, repaired on board the Fleet, consisting of eighty Sail, then lying at *Ephesus*. *Alcibiades* was near that Place with the *Athenian* Fleet, with which he offered the Enemy Battel, but they declining it, and his Presence being at that time necessary at *Clazomene*, to fix that City in his Country's Interest, which was then in disorder, and wavering in its Fidelity, he left the Command of the Fleet to *Antiochus*, with positive Orders not to come to an Engagement with the Enemy on any account whatsoever. But so far was he from complying, that with two Gallies he stood in for *Ephesus*, and at the very Mouth of the Harbour used the highest Provocations possible to draw out the Enemy. *Lysander* at first sent out a few Ships to give him Chace, but the whole *Athenian* Fleet then advancing to the Relief of the two Gallies, he also drew up his in good order, and gained an entire Victory, fifteen *Athenian* Gallies being taken, and such great Numbers slain, (among whom was *Antiochus* himself) that the *Athenians* received a greater Blow by this single Defeat, than they gave the Enemy in all the former Engagements. This threw the whole City into such a Despair, that they immediately created *Conon* their General in the room of *Alcibiades*; for they concluded that they owed this Defeat not so much to the Fortune of War, as to the Treachery of their Commander, whom they supposed to resent his former ill Usage more nearly, than he did the late Honours they had loaded him with: That the reason why he was so successful in the last Campaign, was only to let the Enemy see what a General they had despised, as also to sell his Victory so much the dearer to his Countrymen: And indeed his intriguing busy Genius, joined to his irregular way of living, made every thing which was said of him be believed. Thus,

Alcibiades offers *Lysander* Battel off of *Ephesus*.

The *Athenians* routed at Sea in the Absence of *Alcibiades*.

fearing to be insulted by the People, he voluntarily retired a second time into Banishment.

Alciades retires into Banishment.

Conon, considering with himself what an extraordinary Person he succeeded, equipped the Fleet with all imaginable Application, but wanted Seamen, for the strongest and ablest of them were killed in the last Expedition. To supply their room, Boys and old Men were obliged to go into the Service, and thus they made up the Complement of Men, but still their Naval Force was deficient. Such feeble Adversaries gave the Enemy no great Trouble, for in an Engagement or two which happen'd soon after, they cut off, or took Prisoners, such great Numbers, and gave them so entire an Overthrow, that, in respect of the Slain and the Captives, not only the *Athenian* Government, but their very Name seem'd to be extinguish'd. For *Callicratidas*, being appointed to succeed *Lysander* in the Command of the *Peloponnesian* Fleet, he not only totally routed *Conon* at Sea, and forced him to retire to *Mitylene*, but again engaging, defeated him a second time in the Harbour of that Place, oblig'd him to hale ashore his Gallies under the Protection of the Walls, and shut him up in the Town; and falling in with *Diomedon*, who was coming with twelve Sail to his Relief, he took ten, the other two narrowly escaping.

Conon the Athenian Admiral twice beaten by Callicratidas.

In this terrible Exigence of the *Athenian* Affairs, for want of Men, they were oblig'd to give the Freedom of their City to Foreigners, Liberty to their Slaves, and Impunity to condemned Criminals. Thus were the late Lords of *Greece* forced to fill up their Army, and endeavour to defend their Liberty. However, they were once more resolv'd to try their Fortune by Sea; and so great was their Courage, that they who, a little before, had despair'd of their Lives, now entertained certain Hopes of Victory. Their Fleet made sail for the Islands *Arginusa*, lying off *Cape Malea*, between *Lesbos* and the Main, to which Place *Callicratidas* was come with the best part of the *Peloponnesian* Force, consisting of a hundred and twenty Sail, having left *Eteonicus* to carry on the Siege of *Mitylene*. *Callicratidas* was frequently advis'd not to hazard a Battel with the *Athenians*, who had with them two hundred and fifty Gallies, but constantly answer'd that he was resolv'd either to conquer or die. He took upon himself the Command of the Right Wing, and plac'd *Thrasion* of *Thebes* with the *Bœotians* in the Left. To him, in the Right of the *Athenians*, was oppos'd *Protomachus*, having in his Rear *Thrasylus*, *Lysias*, and *Aristogenes*. *Aristocrates* was in the Left, supported by *Diomedon*, *Pericles* (the Son of the great *Pericles*) and *Erasmidés*, in like manner. As soon as the Signal was display'd for engaging, *Callicratidas* firmly believing, as the Oracle had declared, that he should not survive the Fight, he with the first Shock of his Gally sunk that of *Naucias*, and having done great Execution among the Sails, Yards, and Rigging of others, and swept off the Oars of several, at length attacked that of *Pericles*, who fastening her close with grappling Irons, there ensu'd a bloody and obstinate Dispute between the Companies of each Gally, wherein *Callicratidas*, after having re-

Callicratidas again engaging the Athenian Fleet, is slain.

and the Peloponnesian Fleet routed at Arginusæ.

ceived many Wounds, and revenged them by the Slaughter of Numbers of the Enemy, fell over board, and was lost. The *Peloponnesians* being now without their Admiral, soon began to give way, and at length fled before the Enemy to *Chios* and *Phocæa*, leaving seventy Sail in Possession of the *Athenians*; and *Eteonicus*, who lay before *Mitylene*, having Advice of this Misfortune, raised the Siege, set fire to his Camp, and marched over-land to *Methymne*. *Conon*, thus freed from the Enemy, drew down his Gallies, and went out to meet his Countrymen, who, after mutual Congratulations, repaired to *Samos*, there to lay up the Ships, and take their Winter-Quarters: And thus ended the twenty fifth Year of the War.

The Athenian Admirals sentenced to Death, and executed.

In this Fight at *Arginusæ* the *Athenians* having had five and twenty Ships destroyed, and lost great Numbers of Men, and the Admirals having, as it was alledged, neglected the Care of the Wrecks, and the taking up the dead Bodies for Interment, *Thrasylus*, *Calliades*, *Lysias*, *Aristocrates* and *Pericles* were condemned to Death, who suffered accordingly, *Protomachus* being slain in Fight, and *Aristogenes* went into voluntary Banishment.

Lysander made Admiral of the Peloponnesians, who takes Lampfacus.

Early the next Spring, at the Request of *Cyrus*, and the other Allies of the *Lacedæmonians*, *Lysander* was appointed to succeed *Callicratidas* in the Command of the Fleet, who repairing first to *Rhodes*, and thence to the *Hellepont*, laid siege to *Lampfacus*, and took it in a short time. On the News of the Loss of this Place, the *Athenians* repaired with a Fleet of a hundred and eighty Sail to *Sestos*, and there taking in Provisions for a few Days, went to the *Ægos*, a small River of the *Thracian Chersonesus* which falls into the *Hellepont*, over against *Lampfacus*, where then lay the Enemy's Fleet. The *Athenian* Admirals were, besides others, *Conon* and *Philocles*, which latter was he who advised, in an Assembly of the People, that the Prisoners which should be taken in this War might have the Thumbs of their Right Hands cut off, to prevent their carrying a Spear, or handling an Oar again, as had been formerly done to the *Æginetans*. When the Fleets came opposite to each other, there was not the first Day any Offer of Battel on either side, but the second both Parties were in full Expectation of coming to an Engagement: When *Lysander* observing the Enemy's Fleet to lie on an open and harbourless Coast, and understood from Deserters that by Night they kept neither Watch nor Ward, he resolved on some more than ordinary Enterprize.

The Athenian Gallies come to Ægopotamos.

Alcibiades, who had made choice of this Country to spend the time of his Banishment in, hearing the *Athenian* Fleet was at *Ægopotamos*, went down to the Sea-Coast to pay a Visit to the Admirals, where observing the Insecurity of the Place, which had no Works to defend it, and that they did not appoint Guard-ships, nor keep due Watch, according to the Rules of War, and that *Lysander*, a wife and vigilant Enemy, was so near them on the other side, frequently admonished them, both in publick and private, of the Danger they were in, but meeting with nothing else than Reproaches, and being told that no heed ought to be given to the Advice of an Exile, he with Grief took his leave of them, only saying,

that

that he was either entirely unacquainted with the Art of War, the Enemy they had to deal with, and the General who commanded them, or the River *Ægos* would soon be more remarkable for the Destruction of the *Athenians*, than ever *Syracuse* had yet been.

Lysander, pursuant to the Resolutions he had taken, gave out Orders as if he would engage the Enemy early the next Morning, and directed the Men should take their Repast by break of Day, repair all on board, and there keeping strict Order and Silence, hold themselves in Readiness for Action at a Moment's Warning. Next Day the *Athenians* advanced, according to Custom, and used all possible Provocations to bring *Lysander* to an Engagement, who sent out several Boats to hover at a Distance from the Enemy, with Orders not to go too near, nor by any means be provoked to engage. When Evening came on, the *Athenians*, weary of continuing in that Posture, retired again, and disembarked their People, but *Lysander* would not let a Man leave his Ships till the Boats he sent out returned with Advice of the Enemy's Landing. This he continued to do for four Days successively, omitting nothing which could confirm the Enemy in an Opinion of his Fear, and Inability to cope with them. The *Athenians* having spent the fifth Day in provoking the *Peloponnesians* to fight, and retiring again towards Evening, *Lysander* sent out his Boats, as usual, with orders to see the Enemy landed, and then with all Expedition to return, and as soon as they were in fight, make a Signal. In the mean time he went about to all the Ships of the Fleet, exhorting the Commanders to keep a good look-out for the Signal, and as soon as it was discovered, to make the best of their way toward the Enemy, telling them, that now was the time to revenge the Cause of their Country on the *Athenians*, and put a final Period to this seven and twenty Years War. This he had no sooner done, than the Boats appeared in fight, making the appointed Sign of the Enemy's Landing, and immediately the Fleet bore down with all the Expedition Sails and Oars could make, and having soon crossed the Streight, came suddenly upon them, where they found some of the Gallies haled ashore, and others yet remaining in the Water, but in both Places without Defence, or Security. *Conon* being the first of the *Athenians* who descryed the Enemy, made what haste he could to get his Men aboard; but they were so dispersed, that he was forced to make off with eight Ships, with which he escaped to *Evagoras*, King of *Cyprus*, and reserved himself for his Country, in Expectation of better Times. The rest of the Fleet *Lysander* took, with most of the Men, part of whom he killed on the spot, and the remainder the next Day; among which Number was *Philocles*, who being asked by *Lysander* what Punishment he thought he deserved for being the Author of so barbarous a Counsel as that above-mentioned, replied, *I submit to you, Lysander, as a Conqueror, but know no reason I have to acknowledge you as a Judge*, and immediately offered his Neck to the Stroke of the Sword; so that *Lysander* having put to Death with *Philocles* three thousand *Athenians*, and destroyed their Camp, he returned in Triumph to *Lamp-*

The Fight at Ægospotamos.

The Athenians totally routed by Lysander.

Lyfander razes the Wall, of Piræus, and takes Athens.

facus, from whence he made fail for *Athens*, besieged and took the City, and levelled the Walls of the *Piræus* with the Ground. In a general Assembly of the *Lacedæmonians* and their Confederates, it was warmly debated whether the City should not be entirely demolished, many being for extinguishing the very Name of the *Athenians*, and destroying the Town by Fire: But the *Spartans* opposed this Motion, saying, that they would by no means be guilty of putting out one of the Eyes of *Greece*. This Fight at *Ægospotamos*, and the taking of *Athens*, in Consequence of it, happened, according to *Polybius*, nineteen Years before the sacking of *Rome* by the *Gauls*, which was in the last Year of the Reign of *Darius Nothus*, King of *Persia*, seven hundred and seventy eight Years after the Destruction of *Troy*, and in the Year of the World

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CHAP. IX.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the End of the Peloponnesian War to the Beginning of the Macedonian Greatness under King Philip.

The Athenians obliged to deliver up their Ships.

THE *Athenians*, besides the Demolition of the Walls of the *Piræus*, were obliged to deliver up all their Ships, and to receive thirty of their own Citizens to manage the Affairs of their Republick, which Governours were no sooner elected, than they shewed themselves true Tyrants, destroying the wretched Remainers of the City with Sword and Rapine, insomuch that because *Theramenes*, one of their own Number, expressed some Dislike to these their Proceedings, they sacrificed him to their Revenge. Upon this the Inhabitants daily fled out of the City, so that all *Greece* was filled with *Athenian* Exiles; and at length even this very Relief was denied to those miserable Wretches; for the *Lacedæmonians* published an Edict, by which they prohibited any of their Cities to receive them, insomuch that they were forced to betake themselves to *Thebes* and *Argos*, where they not only lived in Safety, but entertained some hopes of freeing their Country.

A very severe Decree against the Athenian Exiles.

Thrasylulus, a Person distinguished by his Valour, as well as noble Extraction, was one of this Number, who considering that some vigorous Effort ought to be made for the Recovery of the publick Liberty, though it carried never so much Danger with it, and having gathered these Exiles into a Body, seized upon *Phyle*, a Castle on the Frontiers of *Attica*: And some Cities commiserating the Condition of these Fugitives, favoured the Undertaking. *Ismenias*, the chief Magistrate of *Thebes*, tho' he durst not publicly support them with his Arms, yet he privately supplied them with Money; and *Lyfias*, the *Syracusan* Orator, but then in Banishment, sent five hundred

The Exiles seize upon Phyle, and are assisted by others.

hundred Men, whom he maintained at his own Expence, to assist towards the retrieving that Country, which had been the common Parent of Eloquence and Learning. The Tyrants were worsted in a Battel, when suspecting the Treachery of the Inhabitants yet remaining in the City, they forced them to quit it, and sent for Soldiers to *Lacedæmon*, to defend them; Who arriving, they took the Field again, and came to another Battel with *Thrafsybulus*, wherein *Critias* and *Hippolochus*, two of the fiercest Tyrants, lost their Lives, the rest being oblig'd to retire to *Eleusis*, and ten Men were appointed in their room to administer the publick Affairs. *Pausanias* was sent from *Lacedæmon* to put an End to these Disturbances at *Athens*, who taking Compassion on the miserable Refugees, restored them to their native Country, and obliged the ten Tyrants, who had in all Respects imitated their Predecessors, to leave the Town, and herd with their Brethren at *Eleusis*. By this means the City in little time began to recover Breath, when the Tyrants, who were no less enraged at the Restoration of these Exiles than their own Banishment, got together another Army against them, but being invited to a Treaty, under Pretence that the Government was to be restored to them, they were all put to death. Thus the *Athenians*, who, in these publick Convulsions, had been dispersed all over *Greece*, were at last united again into one Body, and least the Remembrance of former Transactions should disturb the publick Tranquillity, every Man obliged himself by Oath to bury what was past in Oblivion. In the mean time the People of *Thebes* and *Corinth* sent their Ambassadors to *Lacedæmon*, to demand their Share of the Spoils and Booty taken in the late War, since they had equally run all the Risques of it; but being rejected, although they did not indeed declare open War against the *Lacedæmonians*, yet seemed they so much to resent this Indignity, that it might be easily judged what they intended.

The Tyrants of Athens beaten.

The Athenian Exiles restored to their native Country.

The Tyrants put to Death, and Athens begins again to flourish.

The *Lacedæmonians*, like the rest of Mankind, who the more they possess still covet the more, not content that their Forces were doubled by the Accession of *Athens*, began to affect the Dominion of all *Asia*. They had already supplied *Cyrus* with Aid against his Brother *Artaxerxes*, *Darius's* Successor in the Throne of *Persia*, chosen *Dercyllidas* General for this Expedition, and corrupted *Tissaphernes* to embrace their Interest, when *Conon*, then living in Exile in *Cyprus*, was appointed by *Artaxerxes* to succeed *Tissaphernes* in the Command of the *Persian* Fleet. The *Lacedæmonians* understanding this, dispatched Ambassadors to *Hercynion* King of *Ægypt*, to assist them with some Ships, and obtained of him a hundred Gallies, and six hundred thousand Bushels of Corn. Great numbers of Recruits were also sent them by their other Allies, but still they wanted an able General to head these Forces, and oppose to so experienced a Commander as *Conon*; to fill which Posts the Confederates unanimously pitched upon *Agésilas*, at that time King of *Lacedæmon*; but the *Lacedæmonians* had a long Debate whether they should entrust him with it, by Reason of an Answer they had received from the Oracle at *Delphos*, which forewarned them that

The Lacedæmonians affect the Dominion of Asia.

Conon commands the Persian Fleet.

Agésilas appointed General for the Lacedæmonians.

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their Republick would go near to be destroyed when the Kingly Government halted, for *Agefilaus* was lame of one Leg: But at last they came to this Resolution, that it was better for the King than the Kingdom to halt. Thus *Agefilaus* was sent with a formidable Army into *Asia*, where he performed many signal Exploits, and like a Tempest, carried all before him, as *Conon*, at the Head of the *Persian* and *Athenian* Fleet, did, at the same time, on the Coasts of *Laconia*, and the Parts adjacent. *Agefilaus* before his Departure substituted *Pisander* to command at Home, who got together a great Fleet, and resolved to hazard the Fortune of War; while on the other Hand *Conon* used no less Care to order every thing for the best Advantage against the first Opportunity that should offer for a Battel; and indeed both the Commanders shewed a mutual Emulation upon this Occasion. As for *Conon*, he did not so much regard the Interest of the *Persians* as that of his own Country; and as he had unluckily proved the Author of the *Athenians* Ruin when their Affairs were declining, so was he ambitious to be their Restorer, and to retrieve his native Country by one single Victory, which by the fatal Casualties of War he had undone. As for *Pisander*, besides the Relation he bore to *Agefilaus*, he was a generous Emulator of his excellent Qualities, and took all imaginable Care that he might not fall short of his great Performances, or, by an Oversight committed in one fatal Moment, destroy a State that had acquired its present Splendour with the Expence of so much Blood and Time. Off of *Cnidus* the two Fleets came to an Engagement, which held for some time with great Obstinacy, till at length *Pisander* lost his Life, bravely fighting in the midst of his Enemies, when the *Lacedæmonians* fled, leaving fifty Ships in Possession of the *Athenians*. *Conon* passed over to *Laconia*, where having ravaged the Coasts, and laid the Country in Ashes, he repaired to *Athens*, and was received with all possible Demonstrations of Joy, but he grieved more to see the City lo burnt and demolished by the *Lacedæmonians*, than he rejoiced at its Restoration, after it had suffered so long by the Enemy: However, partly with the Booty he had gotten, and partly with the Help of the *Persian* Army, he repaired all that the Fire had destroyed. Thus, by a Fatality peculiar to this City, *Athens* as it had been before burnt by the *Persians*, so now it was rebuilt by their Hands; and as it suffered the same hard Treatment from the *Lacedæmonians*, so it was repaired out of their Spoils.

This Victory at *Cnidus* was so compleat that it again restored to the *Athenians* the Dominion of the Sea; and it was followed by the coming over to them of the *Ionians*, with the People of *Hellestus*. At the same time the *Thebans*, *Corinthians* and *Argives* openly declared against the *Lacedæmonians*, and the People of *Rhodes* having forced a Squadron of *Peloponnesian* Ships from thence, revolted to the *Athenians*, receiving *Conon* with his Ships into their Port, during whose Continuance at that Island, a Squadron of *Lacedæmonian* Ships, loaden with Corn from *Egypt*, supposing it to be still in their Interest, entered the Port, and fell into his Hands. The Revolt of *Rhodes* was soon after followed by that of *Chios*,
Teos,

A Character
of Conon

and Pisander.

The Persian
and the Athenian
Fleets
beat that of
Lacedæmon
at Cnidus,
and
Conon ravages
Laconia,
and repairs to
Athens.

Athens once
more gets the
Dominion of
the sea
Thebes, Corinth,
&c.
declare against
the Lacedæmonians.

Teos, Mitylene, Ephesus and Erethra, whence sprung up several other Wars, the *Lacedæmonians* yet bearing up against their Enemies, as the *Arcadian, Bœotian, Theban*, first and second *Lacedæmonian*, and *Tegeatic Wars*, which were the Names imposed on them either by the *Lacedæmonians* themselves, or the People who were engaged against them.

In Aid of the *Thebans* the *Athenians* fitted out a Fleet of sixty Sail, under the Command of *Timotheus*, with Orders to cruise about, and infest the Coasts of *Peloponnesus*, who off *Corcyra* fell in with the like Number of the Enemy's Ships commanded by *Nicolochus*, and totally routed them. To wipe off this Disgrace *Mnasilippus* was sent out at the Head of another Fleet, but increased it with his own Destruction, for he received a signal Overthrow from the *Athenians* under the Command of *Stesicleus*, and was himself slain. Some time after this *Spodriades* having, at the Instigation of *Cleombrotus*, King of *Lacedæmon*, made an Attempt to seize on the the *Piræus*, the *Athenians* highly exasperated at such a Proceeding during a Cessation of Arms, attacked the *Lacedæmonian* Fleet, under the Command of *Pollis*, between *Naxos* and *Paros*. In this Engagement *Pollis* made great Havock in the Left Wing of the Enemy led by *Cedon*, whom he slew with his own Hand; but *Chabrias*, who commanded in the Right of the *Athenians*, advancing seasonably to their Relief, charged the *Lacedæmonians* with great Fury, and having made a terrible Slaughter, put them to Flight, not but that considerable Numbers were killed of his own Side, whose dead Bodies he caused to be carefully taken up and interred, well remembering the Fate of some of the preceding Admirals for Neglect charged on them in that particular.

Not long after the *Athenians*, under the Conduct of *Timotheus*, the Son of *Conon*, obtained another Victory over the *Lacedæmonians* near *Leucas*; and, off *Corcyra*, falling in with a Fleet of Ships, which *Dionysius*, the Tyrant of *Sicily*, had sent to their Aid, he took nine of them with great Numbers of Slaves, by the Sale whereof they got sixty Talents, and on the other Side of *Greece* they also invested *Torone* and *Potidæa*, both by Sea and Land, which they took after a short Siege. When the *Greeks* had waged Civil Wars amongst themselves for a considerable time, with various Success, they came all to a general Peace, except the *Lacedæmonians*, who being utter Enemies to the *Messenians*, could by no means be reconciled. At this time *Tachus*, King of *Egypt*, maintaining a War against *Artaxerxes*, committed the Care of his Land Army to *Agefilaus* the *Lacedæmonian* beforementioned, and of his Fleet to *Chabrias* the *Athenian*; but in the midst of these Preparations *Agefilaus* died, as did also *Artaxerxes* himself, who was succeeded in the *Persian* Throne by *Ochus*.

The Athenians aid the Thebans by Sea.

The Lacedæmonians beaten at Sea.

They are beaten a second time, when they attempted Piræus.

The Athenians beat the Lacedæmonians, and the Fleet of Sicily.

Torone and Potidæa taken.

Peace among the Greeks, except the Lacedæmonians.

A. M. 3586.

Ochus succeeds Artaxerxes.

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Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the Beginning of the Macedonian Greatness under King Philip, to the Death of Alexander the Great.

The growing Greatness of Macedon.

FROM these intestine Feuds and Divisions, with which the Grecians (those properly so called) mutually harassed and weakened each other, began now to creep up in the World the before contemptible and obscure Name of the *Macedonians*, whose Country, more anciently called *Amonia* and *Emathia*, was bounded on the North with *Thrace* and *Illyricum*, on the West with the *Adriatick* and *Ionian Seas*, on the East with the *Ægean*, and on the South by *Epirus* and *Græcia propria*. These People, in process of time, what by the Valour of their Kings, and their own Industry, having conquered their Neighbours first, and then whole Nations and Countries, extended their Empire to the remotest Parts of the East. After a Succession of several Kings, the Crown of *Macedonia* at length devolved on *Philip*, the Father of *Alexander* the Great, who while he was yet very young, and his Brother sat on the Throne, was sent to *Thebes* as an Hostage, in which City, famous for the Severity of its Discipline, and in the House of *Epaminondas*, that most excellent Philosopher and General, he received his first Education.

Philip of Macedon beats the Thebans, &c.

Upon his Accession to the Crown he lay under no small Difficulties, for several Nations declared War against him; But he managed his Affairs with great Dexterity, and being not long satisfied with acting on the Defensive, attacked even his Neighbours who had not given him any Provocation. He fell unexpectedly upon the *Thebans*, and defeated them, by whom, nevertheless, and the *Thebans*, he was constituted *Generalissimo* in the sacred War against the *Phocienses*, who had seized and plundered the Temple of *Apollo* at *Delphos*.

A. M. 3593.

These he totally routed in a Battel by Land, and by that Action acquired a very great Reputation among all People, who extolled him as the Revenger of Sacrilege, the Asserter of sacred things, and the only Person that had demanded a just Reparation for that Offence which ought to have been punished by the united Forces of all Mankind. But presently after, as if he had resolved not to be outdone in Sacrilege, he plundered and seized those very Cities that had chosen him for their General, that had fought under his Command, and now came to congratulate him upon the Success of his Arms. He sold the Wives and Children of all without Distinction, nor spared he so much as the Temples, or the very Images of the Gods, publick or private. From hence, as if he had performed some honourable Exploit, he marched into *Chalcidica*, where having managed the War with the same perfidious Methods, and killed or taken the principal Persons by Treachery, he added that whole Province to his Kingdom; After which he seized upon the Gold Mines in

adds Chalcidica to his Kingdom, and is guilty of great Rapine.

Thessaly, and those of Silver in *Thrace*; and that he might leave no manner of Violence or Rapine unpractised, he began to set up the Trade of Piracy. Then, under Pretence of arbitrating their Differences, having killed two *Thracian* Princes, and plundered their Country, he returning toward *Greece*, seized the Pass of *Thermopylae*; and, contrary to the most solemn Engagements given to the *Phocenses*, laid waste their Country with Fire and Sword.

After this he reduced the *Dardanians*, and besieging *Byzantium* by Sea and Land. Having exhausted great Part of his Treasure, he had recourse again to Piratical Depredations on the Sea, and seizing upon, and rifling a hundred and seventy Merchant Ships, he made a shift to relieve his pressing Necessities, and then turned his Arms against the *Scythians*, whom he overcame by Stratagem; which done, he returned, and opened the War he had so long dissembled against the *Athenians*, with whom at last he came to the Decision of a Battel; and tho' the *Athenians* were much superior to the *Macedonians* in Number, yet were they forced to submit to their Valour, which had been hardened and confirmed by so long a Series of Wars: And that Day put a final Period to the Liberties of *Greece*.

commits Piracies, and conquers the Scythians,

overcomes the Athenians, and is made Generalissimo of Greece.

A. M. 3612.

Philip artfully concealed his Joy for this important Victory, and would not suffer himself to be called the King, but the Generalissimo of *Greece*. This Title he had confirmed to him by the Suffrages of all the Cities, represented by their Deputies assembled at *Corinth*; in which Assembly it was resolved, under his Conduct, to enter into a War against *Persia*. Pursuant whereunto, early in the Spring, he sent over into *Asia* three of his chief Commanders, *Parmenio*, *Amynatas*, and *Attalus*, intending soon after to follow in Person; but in the midst of his Preparations he was assassinated by *Pausanias*, an abused noble *Macedonian*, as he was celebrating the Nuptials of his Daughter.

Wars designed against Persia.

He was succeeded by his Son *Alexander*, a Prince the very reverse of his Father; for he carried on his Wars not by Artifice and Stratagem, but by open Force; was kind and beneficent to his Friends, merciful and generous to his Enemies, free and open in all his Actions, and unknowing how to dissemble. With a Character contrary to this *Philip* laid the Foundation for the Conquest of the World, which *Alexander*, with these Qualifications, most gloriously accomplished, who being, by the States of *Greece* then assembled, constituted Generalissimo against the *Persians*, crossed the *Hellepont* with his Fleet, obtained a Victory at the River *Granicus*, and thence marching on towards *Miletus*, took in most of the Towns in his Way; and having also reduced that Place to his Obedience, thought fit to send back the Fleet, which met him there, to *Greece*; and thence proceeding into *Syria*, he sat down before the City of *Tyre*. But before we come to the Siege of that Place, we must not omit observing that *Alexander*, as soon as his Troops were embarked, was at the very Sight of *Asia* inflamed with incredible Ardour, insomuch that he erected on board the Fleet twelve Altars to the twelve Gods, whereon offering Sacrifice, he implored their Assistance in this his Undertaking; and when they drew near to the Continent, he first hurled a

Alexander succeeds his Father Philip.

His Successes.

Invades Asia.

Dart at the Shore, signifying thereby it was an Enemy's Country, and, in a dancing Posture, leap'd from the Ship in his Armour, when sacrificing again, he prayed that those Countries might freely receive him for their King. Which Custom of sacrificing on these Occasions, and denouncing War by the throwing of a Dart, we find also in Use among the *Romans*.

After *Alexander* had obtained the great Victory over *Darius* at *Iffus*, *Amyntas* a noble *Macedonian*, who had before revolted to the *Persians*, thought fit also to desert them, and with four thousand *Grecians* under his Command, who had escaped thence, came to **Tripolis*, and thence passed over into *Cyprus*, there to wait a proper Opportunity to proceed to *Aegypt*, a Country equally in Enmity with *Darius* and *Alexander*, and there to set up for himself. On his landing in *Aegypt* the Natives joined his Forces, and drove the *Persian* Garrisons out of all the Cities, except *Memphis*, which the *Persians* having valiantly defended for a considerable time, they at length sallied out with their whole Force on the Besiegers, whom they entirely defeated, killing great Numbers, and amongst them *Amyntas* himself.

* Tripolis in Syria.
and Egypt.

The Macedonian Fleet beats that of Persia.

Alexander affronted by the Tyrians, brings his Army against it.

The Situation of Tyre.

In the mean while *Aristo*, the *Macedonian* Admiral, came to an Engagement with the *Persian* Fleet in the *Hellepont*, and obtained a signal Victory, so that now all the lesser *Asia*, together with *Syria* and *Phœnicia*, except *Tyre*, was subdued to the Obedience of *Alexander*; the Inhabitants of which City sent him, by their Ambassadors, a golden Crown of a considerable Weight, under Pretence of congratulating his great Victories: which he very kindly received, and told them that he designed to make them a Visit, in order to perform his Vows to *Hercules*. But the Ambassadors insinuating that he might do it much better in the old Town, where the more ancient Temple stood, and withal desiring him not to come within their new City, he was so highly incensed thereat, that he threaten'd to level their Town with the Ground, and to that Purpose immediately drew down his Army to the Sea Coast. The City of *Tyre* was built in an Island about four Furlongs distant from the Continent, the Space between which and the Town lay open to the South West Winds, which used to drive in a great Sea thither, and so rendered *Alexander's* Design of joining it to the Land a Work of extreme Difficulty. There was also another Obstacle to the Siege, no less than this, to wit, that the City taking up the whole Space of the Island whercon it stood, its Walls were washed on every Side by the Sea, which was also very deep there, so that there was no fixing of Ladders, or raising of Batteries but on board Ship; Besides *Alexander* had not at this time any Ships there; or if he had, upon their approaching the Walls they might have been easily forced back with missive Weapons. Nor could the Machines that might have been raised on Board them do much Execution, by reason of the Agitation of the Waves. The *Tyrians* having resolved to abide the Extremities of a Siege, placed their Engines upon the Ramparts and Towers, deliver'd out Arms to their Youth, and set their Artificers at Work in making all Instruments of War necessary for their Defence.

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Alexander gave Orders for the Men to begin to work on the intended Causeway, for which they were in no want of Materials, having Stone in Abundance from the Ruins of old *Tyre*, and Mount *Libanus* supplying them with Timber for it, as also for Boats and Towers. The Work was advanced to a stupendous Height under Water before it reached the Surface of it, for the further they went the deeper was the Sea, and swallowed the greater Quantity of Materials; but the *Tyrians* at length perceiving how far it was carried on, came out in Boats to view it, and did great Execution among the Workmen with their Darts and Arrows. They also landed some Troops at a little Distance from the Camp, where they cut to pieces most of those who were employed in carrying the Stone; and *Alexander* thinking it a Diminution of his Glory to lye so long before a Town, committed the Care of the Siege to *Perdiccas* and *Craterus*, advancing himself with a flying Camp toward *Arabia*.

He begins to join the Island to the Continent.

The Tyrians interrupt his Works, and kill many of his Men.

In his Absence the *Tyrians* bethought themselves of this Stratagem: They took the largest Ship they had, loaded her all abaft with Stones and Ballast, that so her Head might be raised the higher; and besmearing her with Brimstone and Sulphur, sailed her, with a brisk Gale of Wind, close up to the Causeway, when throwing themselves into their Boats they set fire to her, and before any Help could arrive, the Towers, and other Works that *Alexander* had caused to be made on the Causeway, for Defence of the Workmen, were all in Flames. The *Tyrians*, at the same time, threw from their Boats flaming Torches, Firebrands, and other combustible matter, into the upper Stages of the Towers, insomuch that many People were miserably burnt to Death, and the rest throwing down their Arms leaped into the Sea, whom the *Tyrians*, being more desirous to preserve alive than to kill, took up, having first disabled them with Blows while in the Water. Nor was the Fire their only Enemy, for the same Day a violent Storm of Wind drove in the Sea with such Fury as loosened the Cement of the Materials, which being washed away, the Stones were soon forced asunder by the Weight of the Waves, and on their giving Way, down came all the Superstructure, so that by the time *Alexander* returned from *Arabia*, there were scarce any Traces left of so stupendous a Work.

The Tyrians Stratagem.

He immediately set about erecting a new Causeway, which was carried on with its Head toward the South West, to break the Sea that tumbled in from thence, the former having lain sideways toward that Quarter, and was consequently more exposed to the Force of the Waves. He also allowed it a much greater Breadth, that so the Towers, which were erected in the middle, might be out of the Reach of the Enemy's Darts and Arrows: And the better to effect this Work, they threw into the Sea a great Number of tall Trees with all their Branches on; Upon these they laid Stones, and upon them Trees again, which they covered with Earth to bind them together: Over this they laid another Pile of Stones and Trees, and covered the whole again with Earth. While this was doing the besieged were equally vigilant for their Defence, and left not any thing unpractised that might hinder the carrying on of the Works, wherein

Alexander's Works destroyed by Fire and Tempeſt.

Again de-
stroyed by the
Tyrians.

their Divers were of singular Use to them, for plunging under Water, with grappling Irons, Hooks, and other proper Instruments, they laid hold of the Branches of Trees which stuck out from the rest of the Materials, and by main Force drew with them the Trees themselves, insomuch that the Foundation failing, the Stones and other Materials fell in, and by this means they destroyed all that part of the Causeway which was furthest advanced.

The King of
Aradus, and
others revolt
to Alexander.

As *Alexander* was full of Perplexity at the slow Progress made in this Work, and undetermined whether he should continue or raise the Siege, the Kings of *Aradus* and *Byblus*, hearing he had reduced their Cities to his Obedience, together with the rest of *Phœnicia*, withdrew themselves from the *Persian* Fleet, and came over to him, bringing with them likewise the *Sidonian* Ships, amounting in all to eighty Sail; and about the same time arrived ten Gallies from *Rhodes*, three from *Soli* and *Mallus*, ten from *Lycia*, with one great Gally from *Macedonia*; and soon after, upon Advice of *Alexander's* Success, the Kings of *Cyprus* went over to him to *Sidon* with their Fleet, consisting of a hundred and twenty Sail, to all of whom he freely extended his Royal Pardon, since they continued no longer in the *Persian* Interest than till they had an Opportunity to revolt. Having thus gotten together a sufficient Naval Force, he

He again at-
tempts Tyre
with a Fleet.
His Designs

went on board, and took upon himself the Command of the Right Wing, accompanied with the Kings of *Cyprus* and *Phœnicia*, except *Pythagoras*, who was with *Craterus* in the Left. The *Tyrians*, tho' Masters of a potent Fleet, yet durst they not venture the Decision of a Battel, but disposed their Gallies around the City under cover of the Walls; nevertheless *Alexander* attacked some of them, of which he sunk three, and the next Day came to an Anchor very near the Walls, which he battered on all sides with his Machines, especially with the Rams prepared for that purpose. The Besieged used all possible Diligence in repairing the Breaches, and began to raise another Wall within, to which they might retire when the outermost should be beaten down: But now they were hard pressed on all sides, the Causeway was advanced within Javelin shot of the Walls, they were close blocked up with the Fleet, and attacked at the same time both by Sea and Land: Besides, *Alexander* caused several Gallies to be laid two and two in such manner as that they were joined together astern, by means of Stages thrown across, whercon were placed great Numbers of chosen Landmen, who were thus rowed toward the Town, being secured from the Enemy on the Walls by the Prows of the Gallies which served them as a Parapet. About Midnight the King caused them to advance in this manner to surround the Walls, and give a general Assault, so that the *Tyrians* began now to be in the utmost Despair, when of a sudden there arose a furious Storm, in which the Gallies fell foul of one another with such Violence as forced their Cables, and tore the Planks asunder on which the Stages were laid, which drew down with them the Stages, Men, and all into the Sea, with a dreadful Noise, for the Tempest was so fierce, that it was impossible to govern the Gallies linked together in that manner; and in this Confusion the Soldiers

frustrated by
a Storm.

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interrupted the Scamen, as they did the Soldiers. However, the obstinate Efforts of the Rowers tore the Gallies, as it were, out of the Jaws of the Sea, and they at length got under the Shore, but for the most part extremely disabled. In the mean while thirty Ambassadors from *Carthage* arrived at *Tyre*, who made frivolous Excuses, instead of promising those great Succours which were expected from thence. The *Tyrians*, though frustrated thus of their greatest Hopes, yet kept they up their Courage, and sent their Wives and Children to *Carthage*, that so they might with more Resolution undergo whatsoever should happen, when they had so secured what was most dear to them. Not any thing was left uncontry'd or unattempted which could contribute to their Security, and, as Necessity is the Mother of Invention, besides the ordinary Methods, they found out new Arts to defend themselves. To annoy the Ships which approached the Walls, they fixed grappling Irons, Hooks and Scythes to long Beams, then placing their Machines, which were made in the Form of Cross-Bows, they put into them great Beams, as if they had been Arrows, and shot them at the Enemy, so that many were crushed to pieces with their Fall, others miserably mangled by the Hooks and Scythes, and the Gallies themselves received considerable Damage. They had also brazen Targets, which they took red hot from the Fire, and filling them with burning Sand, or boiling Mud, threw them down from the Walls on the Besiegers. The *Macedonians* dreaded nothing so much as this, for if, through any Defect of their Armour, the burning Sand came at the Flesh, it immediately penetrated to the Bone, and stuck so fast as not to be removed; so that the Soldiers throwing down their Arms, and tearing off their Cloaths, remained defenceless and exposed to the Enemy's Shot.

Ambassadors arrive at Tyre from Carthage.

The Tyrians very much annoy Alexander's Men.

This so vigorous a Defence very much discouraged *Alexander*, in so much that he once again deliberated on raising the Siege, and going on to *Egypt*: But considering it would be a great Blemish to his Reputation, which had been more serviceable to him than his Arms, to leave *Tyre* behind him, as a Monument that he was to be overcome, he resolved to make the last Effort with his whole Fleet, on board of which he embarked the Flower of all his Troops. The main Body he ordered to lie before the Haven, looking towards *Egypt*, leaving thirty of the smallest Ships to block up that called the Gate of *Sidon*; two of which latter being taken by the *Tyrians*, it gave such an Alarm to the rest, that *Alexander*, hearing the Outcries of the People, caused the Fleet to advance toward the Place whence the Noise came. The Admiral Gally, with five Tire of Oars, came up first singly, which the *Tyrians* no sooner perceived, than they detached two to attack her. Against one of these she ran with all her Force, and grappled her close, but not till she had first received a rude Shock from her Beak: Mean while, the other *Tyrian* Gally was bearing up against the contrary side of the Admirals, when another of *Macedon* came upon her with such Violence, as tossed her Pilot from the Poop headlong into the Sea. By this time several more of the *Macedonian* Ships arrived at the Place, where

He makes another Effort against Tyre.

where was also the King himself in Person, when at length the *Tyrians*, with very great Difficulty, disengaged their grappled Gally, and retired towards the Town with their whole Fleet, *Alexander* following them close in the Rear; and tho' he was not able to enter the Gate, being repulsed with Showers of Arrows from the Walls, yet he took or sunk most of the Ships.

A general Assault on the City.

After this he gave his Troops two Days rest, and then causing the whole Fleet to advance with all the Machines for a general Assault, he mounted one of the Towers himself, exposing his Person to the utmost Danger, in the most adventurous manner his Courage ever prompted him to; for being presently known by the Richness of his Armour, and other Ensigns of Royalty, he became in a Moment the But of all the Enemy's Shot. There he performed Wonders to be admired of all Mankind, killing first with his Javelins many of those who defended the Walls, and advancing nearer, he tumbled several down into the Town, and many into the Sea, some with his Sword, others with his Target, for the Tower from whence he fought almost touched the Wall. By this time all the principal Defences were beaten down by the battering Rams, the Fleet had forced its way into the Harbour, and several of the *Macedonians* had possessed themselves of the Towers abandoned by the *Tyrians*, so that they being hard pressed on all sides, some fled to the Temples to implore the Assistance of the Gods, others shut themselves up in their Houses, and prevented the Fury of the Conqueror by a voluntary Death, while divers falling out among the thickest of the Enemy, resolved to sell their Lives as dear as they could: But the greatest Number got up to the Roofs of the Houses, and thence threw down Stones on the *Macedonians*, or whatever came next to hand, as they entered the Town. *Alexander* gave Orders that all should be put to the Sword, except such as had taken Sanctuary in the Temples, and that they should fire the Houses: But notwithstanding this Order was published by Sound of Trumpet, there was not a Man among the *Tyrians*, who bore Arms, which would condescend to take Refuge in the Temples, where were found only Women and Children, the Men planting themselves at the Doors of their Houses, in Expectation every Moment of being sacrificed to the Rage of the Soldiers. The *Sidonians* indeed, who attended *Alexander* in this Siege, saved many of them, who entering the Town with the *Macedonians*, and remembering their Affinity to the *Tyrians*, whose City and theirs owed their Origine to the same Founder, they privately conveyed great Numbers of them on board their Ships, and transported them to *Sidon*. There were no less than fifteen thousand saved by this pious Fraud from the Fury of the Conqueror, by whom what a dreadful Slaughter was committed, may be guessed by the Numbers cut to pieces only on the Ramparts of the Town, which amounted to six thousand. But the King's Anger was not yet pacified, for after the Troops were weary of killing, he caused, in cold Blood, two thousand *Tyrians* to be nailed to Crosses along the Sea-shore; a dreadful Spectacle even to the Conquerors themselves! To the Ambassadors of Carthage

The City taken, and a great Massacre of its Inhabitants.

Many Tyrians saved by the Sidonians.

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thage he extended his Pardon, on account of the Sacredness of their Character; but at the same time declared his Intentions of War against their City, so soon as his more important Affairs would give him leave. Thus was the City of *Tyre* taken in the seventh Month of the Siege, of whose ancient Glory in maritime Affairs we have already sufficiently spoken in the foregoing Sheets.

Alexander pardons the Ambassadors from Carthage.

From hence *Alexander* repaired to *Gaza*, ordering *Hephestion* along the Coast of *Phœnicia*, and to meet him with the Fleet at that Place, where he received Advice that *Amphoterus* and *Egilochus*, with a Navy of a hundred and sixty Sail, had reduced to his Obedience all the Islands between *Greece* and *Asia*, where, in the Reduction of *Chios*, they had taken twelve *Persian* Gallies of three Tire of Oars each, with all their Equipage, and that *Aristonicus*, Tyrant of *Methymne*, arriving at the same Place, which he thought yet in the Hands of the *Persians*, was there taken Prisoner. *Alexander*, having made himself Master of *Gaza*, he hastened on towards *Egypt*, having first dispatched *Amyntas* with ten Gallies to *Macedonia* for Recruits, and the *Egyptians*, who had long groaned under the *Persian* Tyranny, joyfully received him into their Kingdom, where, between the Lake *Mareotis* and the Sea, he founded a new City, eighty Furlongs in Circumference, which he named from himself, *Alexandria*, and transplanting thither the Inhabitants of several neighbouring Places, render'd it a very populous and flourishing Emporium. The Government of *Egypt* he committed to *Æschylus* of *Rhodes*, and for the Security of the Mouths of the *Nile*, he ordered a Squadron of thirty Sail under the Command of *Polemon*; when sending Instructions to *Amphoterus*, Admiral of the Fleet, to repair to *Crete*, and having settled that Island, to apply himself diligently to clear the Sea of Pirates, for the Security of Navigation, he marched on himself with his victorious Army toward the *Euphrates*, where defeating *Darius* again, who was soon after slain by the Treachery of his own Subjects, he became sole Possessor of the Empire of *Persia*.

Alexander taking *Gaza*, proceeds to *Egypt*, and is received by the *Egyptians*.

Builds *Alexandria*.

He again defeats *Darius*,

After this, he subdued the *Hyrceanians*, *Mardi*, *Cedrosians*, *Paropamisadae*, *Scythians*, *Arians*, and *Indians*, as far as the *Ganges*, and on the Banks of the River *Hypalis* erected Altars to the Twelve Gods, each of them fifty Cubits high, as a Monument to Posterity of his Expedition in those Parts. Marching thence, he encamped on the Banks of the *Acēsine*, and the Fleet which he had ordered to be built, with design of visiting the Ocean, being now ready on that River, consisting of a thousand Sail, he, before his Departure, founded the Cities *Nicæa* and *Bucephala*; when embarking his Troops, he fell down the said River to that Place where it meets with the *Hydaspes*, and there found the *Sobians* drawn up to oppose him with an Army of forty thousand Men. Landing his Troops, he immediately drove them into their City, which, in Despair, they set fire to, and burnt themselves and their Effects. As *Alexander* was in one of his Barges, taking a View of the Citadel of this Town, which was situated where the *Acēsine* and *Hydaspes* fall into the *Indus*, as hath been before observed, he narrowly escaped being drown-

and subdues others.

He founds the Cities *Nicæa* and *Bucephala*,

overcomes the *Sobians*,

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is dangerously wounded.

sends some Persons to discover the Indian Ocean,

burns his Ships in Indus,

dies at Babylon by Poison.

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His private Memoirs.

ed, the Confluence of all those Rivers causing a very rapid Current there, in acknowledgment of which Deliverance, he raised an Altar to each River, whereon having sacrificed, he went on toward the Country of the *Oxidracæ*, and setting down before their chief City, was dangerously wounded. No sooner was he cured than he pursued his Voyage down the River *Indus* to the Ocean, where he built several Cities on the Coasts, as Monuments of his Glory. He gave Orders to *Nearchus* and *Onesicritus*, who were most skilled in Navigation, to take the strongest and best built Ships of the Fleet, and penetrate as far into the Ocean on that side as they could with Safety, and then return to him either up the same River *Indus*, or the *Euphrates*; the former of whom (as *Plutarch* tells us in the Life of *Alexander*) having coasted along *Arabia*, *Æthiopia*, and *Lybia*, came about to the Pillars of *Hercules*, and returned through the Mediterranean to *Macedonia*.

Early the next Spring setting fire to most of his Ships which would have been useless in his Return, he erected Altars on an Island in the Mouth of the *Indus*, around which, as the Goal of his Race, and the Limits of his Empire, he caused himself to be rowed in one of his nimblest Gallies, when making Libations to *Neptune*, he threw the golden Cups he made use of in that Ceremony into the Sea, and erected an Altar to him and the Goddess *Tethys*, praying for a safe Return: Then having distributed among his Friends the Governments of *India*, he set forwards towards *Babylon* by Land, receiving Advice in his way that Ambassadors from *Carthage*, and the other Cities of *Africk*, as also from *Spain*, *Gaul*, *Sicily*, *Sardinia*, and some Cities of *Italy*, attended his Arrival: But he was no sooner come to *Babylon* with design, as one would think, to celebrate the Convention of the whole Universe, than at one of his publick Entertainments, Poison (as some have supposed) was given him, of which in few Days he died, in the thirty third Year of his Age, and thirteenth of his Reign. Thus fell *Alexander*, not by any hostile Attempt, but the treasonable Contrivances of his own Subjects, or, as others have related, of a Debauch.

It appeared from his private Papers, containing Minutes of what he intended to do, which after his Death were read in a publick Assembly of the principal Officers of the Army, that he designed to have given Orders to the People of *Phœnicia*, *Syria*, *Cilicia*, and *Cyprus*, to get ready a Fleet of a thousand Gallies, larger than those of three Tire of Oars then commonly used, for an Expedition against the *Carthaginians*, and other maritime People of *Lybia*, *Spain*, *Italy*, and *Sicily*, purposing to reduce to his Obedience the whole Coast of *Africk* as far as the Pillars of *Hercules*, and all the Mediterranean Sea: And for the Reception and Entertainment of so great a Fleet, he intended to make convenient Harbours, with well furnish'd Naval Arsenal, in the Places most commodiously situate for that purpose.

A fit Successor was wanting to so great a King, and so excellent a Captain, but the Weight of Empire was too great for any other single Person to bear: However, for the present, *Perdiccas* was

made choice of to manage the Affairs of the Army, who, to remove such as might be jealous of his Power, as well as to make the Kingdoms he distributed pass for free Gifts of his own, divided the Provinces of the Empire among the chief Commanders. To Ptolemy was given *Egypt* and *Africa*, and to Laomedon *Syria* and *Phœnicia*, Antigonus had *Lycia* and *Pamphylia*, with the Greater *Phrygia*; and Leonatus the Lesser *Phrygia* and *Hellepontus*. Cassander was sent to *Caria*, and Menander to *Lydia*, and *Cappadocia* and *Paphlagonia* fell to *Eumenes*, as *Media* did to *Pitbon*. *Lysimachus* had the Government of *Thrace*, and the neighbouring Countries on the *Euxine* Sea, but in the Eastern Provinces and distant *Indian* Acquisitions the former Deputies were still retained. Not long after which, as if so many Kingdoms, and not Governments, were divided among themselves, they made themselves Kings instead of Governours, and acquired great Wealth and Power, which they left to their Posterity.

The Division of Alexander's Empire.

CHAP. XI.

Of the Naval Wars of the Grecians, from the Death of Alexander the Great, to the Reduction of Macedonia to the Obedience of the Romans.

WHILE Affairs went thus in the East, the Athenians and Ætolians carried on the War, which they had begun in Alexander's Life-time, with great Vigour and Diligence, the Occasion whereof was this. Alexander, in his Return from *India*, had dispatched Letters into *Greece*, commanding all the Cities to recall their Exiles, except only such as were guilty of Murder; which Letters being read in the Presence of all *Greece*, then assembled at the Olympick Games, occasioned great Commotions, because several had been banished their Country not legally, but by the Factions of the great Men; who now began to apprehend that, if they were restored, they would soon come to have a greater Interest in the Government than themselves. For this Reason many of these Cities openly murmured, and gave out, that they would defend their Liberty by Force of Arms. The chief Promoters of this Insurrection were the Athenians and Ætolians, which when Alexander came to understand, he ordered his Allies to furnish him with a thousand Gallies to carry on the War in the West, resolving with a powerful Army to level *Athens* with the Ground; whereupon the Athenians raised an Army of thirty thousand Men, and, with two hundred Ships, made War upon *Antipater*, to whose Share the Government of *Greece* fell; but finding that he declined the Hazard of a Battel, and covered himself within the Walls of the City *Heraclæa*, they closely besieged him. Leonatus, who had the Govern-

The Athenians and Ætolians carry on a vigorous War against Alexander and Antipater.

Antipater
takes Athens.

Cassander gets
the Kingdom
of Macedon.

ment of *Helleſpontus* and *Phrygia Minor*, advancing with all Expedition to his Relief, was himſelf ſlain; but *Antipater*, by the Acceſſion of theſe Forces, judging himſelf a Match for the Enemy, who had now raiſed the Siege, he left *Heraclea*, and marched his Troops into *Macedonia*, whence he advanced to *Athens*; which, after a ſhort Siege, was ſurrendered to him, he obliging the *Athenians* to change the Government of the People to that of the Few, and to receive a Garriſon of *Macedonians* into *Munychia*. On the Death of *Antipater*, the *Macedonians* were divided into two Factions, one of which was for *Cassander*, the other for *Polyperchon*, in the Intereſt of the former of whom were the great Men of *Athens*, and in that of the latter the Commons; but *Cassander* prevailed, and poſſeſſed himſelf of that Kingdom, having paved his way to the Throne by the Murder of *Arideus*, Brother to *Alexander* the Great, and his Wife *Eurydice*, and of *Olympias*, *Alexander's* Mother.

War breaks
out between
Antigonus,
Ptolemy, &c.

Cassander
kills Alexander's
Relati-
ons.

By this time there had fallen of the Succeſſors of that Prince *Polyperchon*, *Craterus*, *Perdiccas*, and *Eumenes*, the reſt taking part either with *Antigonus* or *Ptolemy*, the Demands of the latter of whom, and of his Confederates, *Cassander*, *Lyſimachus*, and *Seleucus*, were, that an equal Dividend ſhould be made both of the Provinces, and of the Booty taken ſince the Death of *Eumenes*, but *Antigonus* reſuſed to have any Sharers with himſelf in the Profits of the War: And that he might have an honourable Pretence on his ſide to break with them, he gave out that he was reſolved to revenge the Death of *Olympias*, who was ſlain by *Cassander*, and to deliver the Son of his Prince, and his Mother from the Imprifonment they were kept in by him; whereupon *Ptolemy* and *Cassander* entered into a League with *Lyſimachus* and *Seleucus*, and carried on the War with all imaginable Vigour both by Sea and Land. *Ptolemy* at this time poſſeſſed *Egypt*, with *Cyprus* and *Phœnicia*, and the greater part of *Africk*. *Macedonia* and *Greece* were under *Cassander's* Government; and as for *Antigonus*, he had *Asia*, with moſt part of the Eaſt, having lately diſpoſſeſſed *Seleucus* of the Government of *Babylon*, and the adjacent Provinces he had made himſelf Maſter of. After ſeveral bloody Battels fought with various Succeſs, they came to a Treaty, that each ſhould retain the Provinces he had; that *Alexander's* Son by *Roxane*, when at Age, ſhould be made King; that *Cassander* ſhould be Captain General of *Europe*, and that the *Grecians* ſhould live after their own Laws: But this Agreement was not long kept, for each of them endeavoured, under any Pretence, to enlarge the Bounds of his Dominions, and this with the leſs Reſtraint, for that ſhortly after *Cassander* not only took off that Son of *Alexander's*, for whom they pretended themſelves Adminiſtrators, with his Mother *Roxane*, but alſo his natural Son *Hercules*, and *Arſine* the Mother of that Son likewiſe.

Under Pretence of enforcing the Execution of that Article of the ſoreſaid Treaty, relating to the Freedom of *Greece*, *Antigonus* fitted out a formidable Fleet at *Ephesus*, where were alſo got ready

a considerable Body of Troops to be embarked, the Command of all which he committed to his Son *Demetrius*, with Instructions to procure to all the Cities of *Greece* their ancient Liberties, and first to begin with *Athens*, wherein *Cassander* maintained a strong Garrison. When the Land-Forces were all on board, and the Fleet was ready to sail, *Demetrius* thinking it necessary, for some particular Reasons, to keep secret, as long as possibly might be, the Place he designed first to repair to, he delivered out to the respective Captains a sealed Paper, with Orders, if they kept Company together, not to open the same, but if they should happen to be separated by bad Weather, or any other Accident, then to break it open, and steer their Course to the Place therein directed. This Circumstance we learn from *Polyænus* in his Book of Stratagems, and is the first Instance in History of the Use of a sealed Rendezvous, though probably it might have been often enough used before, being what common Reason must necessarily dictate on such Occasions, however *Polyænus* happen'd to think it worthy of a Place in his Work. Arriving with the Fleet at the *Piræus*, he took it by Assault, and in few Days obliged *Demetrius Phalereus*, who commanded for *Cassander* in *Athens*, to withdraw his Troops thence; and having restored that Place to its ancient Government and Liberties, and also reduced the Fortrefs of *Munychia* and City of *Megara*, he received further Instructions from *Antigonus* to cause Deputies to be chosen by the several Cities of *Greece*, that they might meet together, and transact what was necessary for the publick Peace and Safety, and to repair himself with the Fleet to *Cyprus*, and use his best Endeavours to reduce that Island, where *Ptolemy* maintained a considerable Force both by Sea and Land.

Demetrius sent with a Fleet and Army to Greece.

Athens restored to its Liberty.

Demetrius immediately made sail Eastward, and calling in at *Rhodes*, endeavoured to prevail with the People of that Island (who then made a great Figure in the Mediterranean) to break with *Ptolemy*; but they desiring to be left at liberty to remain Neuter, it was the Ground of *Antigonus's* future Resentments against them. From thence *Demetrius* proceeded to *Cilicia*, where receiving a Re-inforcement of Men and Ships, his Strength now consisted of fifteen thousand Foot, and four hundred Horse, above a hundred and twenty Gallies, and fifty three large Ships of Burthen, with which passing over to *Cyprus*, he landed his Troops not far from *Carpasia*, a Town on the North-East side of the Island; and there drawing his Gallies ashore, which, as well as his Camp, he secured with a strong Retrenchment, he made Incursions into the adjacent Country, and surprized *Carpasia*, with *Urania*, another neighbouring Town; when leaving a sufficient Body of Troops for the Defence of the Camp and Shipping, he marched toward *Salamis*, near which Place he was met by *Menelaus*, *Ptolemy's* Governour of the Island, with an Army of five and twenty thousand Foot, and eighteen hundred Horse, with whom engaging, he gave him a Signal Overthrow, and obliged him to retire into the City, where *Menelaus* put himself in the best Posture of Defence he was able, and immediately dispatched Messengers to *Ægypt*, with Advice of the Loss he had sustained

Demetrius proceeds to Cyprus.

Antigonus his General beaten in Cyprus.

Salamis be-
sieged.

in the late Battel, and desiring speedy Succours to be sent to his Relief. *Demetrius*, on the other hand, immediately invested the Place, and prosecuted the Siege with the utmost Vigour, having brought over with him, in abundance, all necessary Instruments and Utensils for that purpose; and for the more speedy Reduction of the Place, he here invented that Engine called the *Helepolis*, a Machine of prodigious Bulk, not unlike those battering Rams which were covered with Shrouds, but vastly bigger, and of far greater force, containing several smaller Engines out of which Stones, and other missive Weapons, were cast. With this, the battering Rams, and other Machines, he had very much ruined the Walls, when the Besieged found means to set them on fire: However, he was not discouraged with this Loss, but carried on the Siege with the utmost Application.

Demetrius
his Machines
burnt.

Ptolemy
with a Fleet
comes to the
Relief of Me-
nelaus.

Ptolemy, understanding what Straits *Menelaus* was reduced to, was now arrived at *Paphos*, where having encreased his Force with all the Ships of the Island, he advanced to *Citium*, about five and twenty Miles from *Salamis*, with a hundred and forty well appointed Gallies, the biggest of which had five Tire of Oars, and the least four, and was followed by above two hundred Transports, which had on board ten thousand Men. From hence *Ptolemy* dispatched a Courier to *Menelaus*, with Orders to send out to him with all speed, if it could possibly be done, sixty Gallies which were in the Port of *Salamis*, by the Accession of which his Fleet would be increased to two hundred Sail, and with that Number he doubted not to be able to deal with the Enemy. *Demetrius* having Intelligence of this Design, left part of the Army before the Town, and embarked a Body of chosen Troops on board his Gallies, each of which he furnished with a Machine for throwing missive Weapons, to be fixed on their Prows; and being thus well provided, he came about to the Entrance of the Port of *Salamis*, where, just out of Javelin-shot, he anchored with his whole Fleet, making choice of this Station, as well to prevent the sixty Gallies in the Harbour from coming out, as for that he reckoned it an advantagious Place to wait and engage the Enemy. But as soon as he found *Ptolemy's* Fleet was nearer approach'd, he left *Antisthenes* with ten Gallies of five Tire of Oars to keep that Station, and block up the Harbour, on each side of the Entrance whereof, which was narrow. He also ordered some Troops to take Post near thereto, that they might be at hand to assist and receive into their Protection the Seamen, in case they should be obliged, by any ill Success, to retire to the Shore. This done, he advanced himself to meet the Enemy, having with him a hundred and eight Gallies, the largest wherof were of seven Tire of Oars, and the least of four. In the Left Wing were seven *Phenician* Gallies of seven Tire of Oars, and thirty *Athenian* Gallies of four, commanded by *Medius*; besides which, he ordered in that Wing, wherein he intended to fight himself, ten Gallies of six Tire of Oars, and as many of five. In the Centre were disposed the smallest Ships under the Command of *Themison* and *Marsias*; and the Right Wing was led by *Hegesippus* of *Halican-*
nassus,

Demetrius
prepares to en-
counter him.

nassus, and *Plistias* of *Cos*. *Ptolemy* was making the best of his Way by Night toward *Salamis*, in Hopes of being join'd by the Ships in the Port before the Enemy could come up, but being surprized at Break of Day with the Sight of their Fleet coming down in Order of Battel, he immediately disposed his Ships to receive them, ordering the Transports with the Troops aboard to keep at a convenient Distance.

A. M. 364.

The two Princes now having at stake their Lives, their Glory and Honour, were both eager to engage, when immediately from *Demetrius's* Gally was hoisted a gilt Shield, as a Signal for Battel, which was potently answered by the like Signal on *Ptolemy's* Side: And now the Trumpets sounding a Charge, and the Men setting up a loud Huzza, they first bestowed Showers of Arrows and Darts at each other, and then advancing nearer, the Gallies rushed against each other with the utmost Fury and Violence, and with the Shock wiped off alternately whole Sides of Oars. Some of them were transfixed by others with their Beaks, when tacking about, they charged Stern to Stern, and some falling with their Broadfides together, were mutually boarded with great Slaughter. Numbers of Men in getting up the Sides of Gallies were either slain with Spears from above, or with missive Weapons swept off into the Sea; and thus the Engagement lasted many Hours with great Obstinacy, and various Success. *Demetrius* was in a Gally with seven Tire of Oars, and placing himself on the Deck fought with singular Courage and Resolution, doing wonderful Execution among the Enemy, not only with Javelins but his Spear, while they threw whole Showers of Darts at him, which, with great Dexterity, he avoided, or received on his Buckler; and of three Persons who were more particularly active against him, one he killed on the Spot, and dangerously wounded the other two. His Behaviour was so gallant, and every little Advantage he prosecuted so vigorously, that at length he entirely broke the Enemy's Right Wing, and put them to Flight, as well as their main Body; not but that *Ptolemy* performed all the Parts of a valiant and able Leader, and was so well sustain'd with the Gallies of greatest Force, and the chosen Men he had with him in that Wing, that he got the better of *Demetrius's* Right which was opposed to him, and forced them to retire in Confusion, with the Loss of several Ships sunk and taken, with all their Men. Flushed with this Success, he little doubted of the like in the other Part of the Fleet, but when he advanced, and found his Right Wing and main Body entirely broken, and flying before the Enemy in Disorder, who gave them close Chace, he withdrew to *Citium*. *Demetrius* as soon as he had forced the Enemy to give Way, and made himself Master of several of their Ships, committed the main Body of the Fleet to the Charge of *Neon* and *Burichus*, with Orders to give Chace to the flying Ships and take up the Men that were swimming about, and repaired himself with the rest, and the Gallies he had taken, to the Port where were his Land and Naval Camps. During the Heat of this Engagement, *Menelaus*, who commanded in *Salamis*, gave Orders to *Menenius* to take upon him the Command of the sixty Gallies in that Harbour, and fight his Way out to join *Ptolemy*, who accordingly

A Fight between the Fleet of Ptolemy and Demetrius.

Ptolemy beaten at Sea.

Menenius forces through Demetrius's Gallies at Salamis.

cordingly executed his Orders, and obliged the ten Gallies *Demetrius* had left there, to retire under the Shore to the Protection of the Land Forces: But happening to arrive too late to have a Share in the Engagement, they all returned to *Salamis*.

The Damage done to Ptolemy's Fleet.

Such was the Event of this Naval Battel, wherein forty of *Ptolemy's* Gallies were sunk, and all their Men drowned, eighty more, being very much shatter'd, were taken, together with most of the Transports, which had on Board them eight thousand Men; and all this with no other Loss than the disabling twenty of *Demetrius's* Gallies, yet not so much, but that, with the necessary Care, they were put into a Condition for Service again. *Ptolemy* giving up *Cyprus* for lost, made the best of his Way for *Egypt*, while *Demetrius*, in the mean time, improved his Success by the Reduction of all the Towns of the Island, where he took above sixteen thousand Foot Soldiers, and six hundred Horse, which he incorporated among his own Troops. He dispatched a Gally with some Persons of Quality to give an Account of, and to congratulate *Antigonus* on this Victory, who thereupon put on a Regal Diadem, and from that time forward took to himself the Title of King, with which he likewise honoured his Son *Demetrius*. *Ptolemy*, nothing the humbler for his late Losses, wore also a Diadem, and caused himself to be proclaimed King; and, in Imitation of these, *Seleucus* and *Cassander*, together with *Lysimachus* usurped the same Title: And now *Antigonus* recalling his Son from *Cyprus*, got together a vast Army in *Syria*, with which rendezvousing at *Gaza*, he marched toward *Egypt*, ordering *Demetrius* to coast it along with the Fleet, to act in Concert with him, as Occasion should offer; but *Ptolemy* had made so good Preparation for his Reception, both by Sea and Land, by placing strong Garrisons in the Frontier Towns toward *Syria* (where he had also ready a flying Camp to harra's the Enemy) and well guarding the Mouths of the *Nile* by considerable Numbers of Ships, that *Antigonus* was obliged to return to *Syria* with his Army and Fleet, from this fruitless Expedition.

Demetrius conquers Cyprus.

Antigonus takes the Title of King, as did Ptolemy, &c.

Antigonus attempts Egypt in vain,

prepares to go against Rhodus.

The next Year he thought fit to prosecute his Resentments against the *Rhodians*, which Republick was at this time Mistress of a great Naval Force, and its Government was so wisely administer'd, that all the neighbouring Kings and Princes courted her Friendship. The *Rhodians* knowing what vast Advantages would accrue from such a Conduct, cultivated Friendships with all the Princes and States where their Interests could be any Ways concern'd, carefully avoiding to send Aid to any, or at all to interfere in the Wars wherein any of them happened to be engaged, and so fairly maintained a Neutrality, that they were highly esteemed on all Sides. By this means having enjoyed a long Peace and flourishing Commerce, they had acquired prodigious Wealth and Power, insomuch that, at their own Charge, they took upon them, for the Service of *Greece* in general, to fit out a formidable Fleet to scour the Sea of Pirates, which they effectually did; not but that they had at the same time their own particular Advantage, by providing for the Security of their Trade. During all the Contentions between the Successors of *Alexander*

The Rhodians scour the Sea of Pirates.

ander, they had behaved themselves with the greatest Caution, so as not to give Offence to any, but in their Hearts were most inclin'd to favour *Ptolemy*, as being Master of that Country from which they received the greatest Advantages in their Trade; which Inclination of theirs *Antigonus* taking notice of, endeavoured to prevail with them to abandon the Friendship of his Enemy, and, when the Expedition against *Cyprus* was first resolv'd on, desired by his Ministers that they would aid his Son *Demetrius* with Men and Ships for that Service, which they refusing, he sent a Fleet against them, with Orders to the Admiral thereof to seize all the Merchants that traded to *Egypt*, with their Ships and Effects. This the *Rhodians* not suffering him to do, he accused them as having begun Hostilities, and drawn upon themselves a just War, threatening withal to lay Siege to their City; but they endeavoured to divert this Tempest by decreeing extraordinary Honours to *Antigonus*, and by a solemn Embassy humbly prayed that he would not force them to a War with *Ptolemy*, contrary to the Faith of their Treaties subsisting with him, and the Law of Nations; notwithstanding which he peremptorily insisted on his Demands, and sending *Demetrius* with a strong Force to invest the place, they let him know that they should be ready to assist his Father against *Ptolemy* whensoever he pleas'd. He not satisfied with this, demanded a Hundred of their most considerable Men as Hostages, and Leave to enter their Harbour with his Fleet; but the *Rhodians* suspecting he design'd to surprize them, resolv'd to sustain the War, and prepared for their Defence.

but not favouring Antigonus

he sends Demetrius against Rhodes.

Demetrius, on the other hand, was no less diligent in his Preparations for the Siege, having got together a Fleet of two hundred Gallies, an hundred and seventy Ships of Burthen, and Transports, on board all which were forty thousand Men; and he had also a thousand Ships belonging to Free-booters, or private Adventurers, who followed him for the sake of the Pillage of so rich an Island. With this Force advancing to *Rhodes*, he invest'd the Town by Sea and Land, and planted a great Number of Machines against the Walls; mean while the *Rhodians* were not negligent, but defended themselves with incredible Bravery, and, in several successful Sallies, destroyed his Machines with Fire. He nevertheless push'd the Siege with all imaginable Vigour, invented several Engines for annoying the Enemy, and at length found out and caus'd to be made one of a most enormous Magnitude, being nine Stories high, which required above three thousand strong Men to move it: From his peculiar Genius in the Invention of which Engines, and the Use he made of them, he was surnam'd *Poliorcetes*, or the Besieger of Towns.

The Rhodians prepare for their Defence.

Rhodes invest'd by Demetrius.

A prodigious Engine made by Demetrius.

The Siege had now lasted almost twelve Months, for the *Rhodians* having all along kept their Communication open to the Sea, (*Demetrius* not being able to make himself Master of the Harbour,) received frequent Supplies from *Ptolemy* and other confederated Princes, and, at length, after many ineffectual Attempts for bringing matters to a Composition, (for which several Cities and States had interpos'd their good Offices,) *Antigonus*, from the Advices his

Son

Son sent him of their most obstinate Defence, despairing of reducing them, gave him private Instructions to come to an Agreement on any reasonable Terms. He waited a proper Opportunity to do this with a good Grace, which soon offered; for although *Ptolemy* had acquainted them by Letter that he would send them a Reinforcement of three thousand Men, and a Supply of Corn, yet he at the same time advised them, if they could gain any good Terms, to come to a Composition with *Antigonus*, of which *Demetrius* having Advice, he made Use of the Ambassadors of the *Ætolians*, who were come to be Mediators, to open the Matter, and so at last a Peace was concluded on these Conditions, that the City of *Rhodes* should receive no foreign Garrison, but should enjoy all its Revenues; That the *Rhodians* should aid *Antigonus* in his Wars on all Occasions, except against *Ptolemy*; and that, for the Performance thereof, they should deliver up an hundred Hostages, such as *Demetrius* should make Choice of, excepting those that had gone through the Offices of State.

A Peace concluded with the Rhodians.

Having concluded this Treaty, he pursuant to further Instructions from *Antigonus*, crossed the *Ægean*, and repaired to *Aulis*, a Port of *Bœotia*, to perfect the Work he had begun of restoring the Liberty of *Greece*, which *Cassander* now ravaged with a powerful Army. There landing his Troops, he marched against *Cassander*, and obliged him to retire beyond the Pass of *Thermopylae*, recovering all the Country he had over-ran, and restoring all the Cities to their Freedom as he passed; after which, he, in a general Assembly of the *Grecians* at the *Isthmian Games*, so far prevailed as to be constituted Generalissimo of *Greece*, in the same manner as *Philip* and *Alexander* had been; but while these things were doing, he received Advice that *Ptolemy*, *Seleucus*, and the other confederated Princes were marching against his Father with their united Forces, upon which he went over into *Asia*, and there joining Battel with the Enemy, *Antigonus* lost his Life therein, but he saved himself by Flight.

Demetrius proceeds to the restoring Liberty to Greece.

Antigonus slain in Asia.

Then repairing on board his Fleet, he laid waste the *Chersonesus*, had *Athens* again surrender'd to him, defeated the *Lacedæmonians*, and possessed himself of the Kingdom of *Macedon*, putting to Death *Alexander* the Son of *Cassander*. He also invaded *Thrace*, subdued the *Bœotians*, and having made himself Master of *Thebes*, declared War against *Pyrrhus*, King of *Epirus*, who had seized on Part of *Macedonia*, to whose Aid considerable Forces were sent by *Seleucus*, *Lysimachus*, and *Ptolemy*, the latter of whom also fitted out a formidable Fleet, which advancing toward *Greece* struck a mighty Terror along the Coasts; and the *Macedonians* revolting to *Pyrrhus*, *Demetrius* thought it time to provide for his Safety by Flight; wherefore laying aside his Ensigns of Royalty, he, in mean Attire, and with a slender Retinue, withdrew to the City *Cassandria*, from whence repairing to *Thebes*, he passed over into *Asia*, where being taken by *Seleucus*, he died in Prison, leaving his Son *Antigonus*, to whom *Demetrius* the younger succeeded in the Throne of *Macedonia*. After him reigned *Antigonus-Doso*, *Philip*, and *Persicus*, in successive

Demetrius recovers Athens, beats the Lacedæmonians, and possesses Macedonia. A. M. 3655.

Demetrius flies to the City of Cassandria.

He is taken, and dies in prison.

successive Order, under which last the Kingdom of *Macedonia* was subdued by *Paulus Æmylius*, and reduced into the Form of a Roman Province. Macedonia subdued by the Romans.

CHAP. XII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Carthaginians from the Foundation of their City to their first War with the Romans; wherein are also contained those of the Syracusans.

WHILE the *Macedonian* Kingdom was in its most flourishing Condition, the *Carthaginian* and *Syracusan* Commonwealths were also very potent, and in great Reputation, being esteemed a Match not unequal even for *Alexander* the Great, in case he should have turned his Arms that Way. We have already taken some Notice of the *Syracusans*, and other People of *Sicily*, on Occasion of the War the *Athenians* carried into that Island, and shall relate what happened after the memorable Defeat of that People there, when we have first premised something concerning the Origine and Exploits of the *Carthaginians*.

Elissa, (more celebrated under the Name of *Dido*;) a Daughter of the King of *Tyre*, flying from her Brother *Pygmalion*, then on the Throne, who had murdered her Husband *Sicheus*; first came, accompanied with great Numbers of *Tyrrians* of Quality, to the Island *Cyprus*, and thence to the Coast of *Africa*, where she purchased as much Ground of the Inhabitants as an Ox's Hide would encompass, which she ordered to be cut out in small Thongs, and so obtained a much larger Extent than she had seemed to desire, for which Reason the Place was afterwards called *Byrsa*. In a short time great Numbers of Men flocking thither from the neighbouring Countries out of Hopes of Lucre, to sell their Commodities to these Strangers, took up their Habitations with them, and by their Multitudes soon made the Resemblance of a City; mean while the Inhabitants of *Utica* dispatched Ambassadors with Presents, as being of Consanguinity with them, and advised them to build a City in that Place where they first settled: Nay the *Africans* themselves were desirous of keeping these new Guests among them. Thus by an universal Consent of the Natives the Foundations of *Carthage* were laid, as Authors have related, and a yearly Tribute assigned them for the Ground on which it was built; and their Affairs becoming soon in a flourishing Condition, *Hiarbas* King of the *Mauritauians*, demanded *Elissa* in Marriage, threatening to carry Fire and Sword into their Territory, in case he was refused that Princess: That Princess retained so inviolable a Respect for the Memory of her former Husband, that she could not be prevailed with to condescend to a second Love, but erecting a Pile of Wood in the furthest Part of the

Dido builds Carthage.

A. M. 3080.

Dido kills her
self.

City, as if she designed to appease the Manes of *Sichæus*, previous to a new Marriage, offered several Sacrifices, and then ascending the Pile with a drawn Sword in her Hand, she, in this Posture, told the People she was going to her Husband as they had advised her, and immediately stabbed her self.

The first Ex-
ploits of the
Carthaginians.

This City of *Carthage* was built an hundred and eighteen Years before *Rome*, and the Valour of its Inhabitants soon render'd it very famous, whose first Efforts abroad were in *Sicily*, where they fought with Success a long time; but removing the Scene to *Sardinia*, there they lost the Flower of their Army, and, after a bloody Dispute, were totally defeated. Enraged at these Losses, they sentenced their General *Maleus* (under whose Command they had conquered great Part of *Sicily*, and performed several noble Exploits against the *Africans*) with the Remainder of the Army that were left alive, to Banishment; who transporting his Troops to *Africa*, besieged and took the City, and punished the Authors of his said Banishment: However being not long after accused of a Design to make himself King, he was put to Death.

The Cartha-
ginian Fleet
and Army de-
feated by Hi-
eron.
Hieron his
successes.

But many Years before this *Maleus*, the *Carthaginian* Power was grown very formidable, witness the potent Fleet and Army they sent to *Sicily*, in Concert with *Xerxes*, when he undertook an Expedition against *Greece*: Which consisting of five thousand Sail, and three hundred thousand Men, the Ships were all destroyed, and the Men killed, together with *Amilcar* their General, by *Gelon* King of the aforesaid Island, as we have before related. Notwithstanding the Greatness of this Loss, they were not discouraged, but with a new Fleet and Army again invading *Sicily*, they received a signal Defeat at Sea from *Hieron*, King of *Syracuse*, who flushed with this Success, sent his Fleet against the *Tyrrhenians* (a People that very much infested the Seas of *Sicily* with their Piracies and Depredations) wherewith he ravaged the Island *Æthalia*, (now *Elba*) and all the Coasts of the *Tyrrhenians*, made a Descent on *Cyrnus*, afterwards known by the Name of *Corfica*, when attacking *Æthalia* again, he reduced it to his Obedience, and returned to *Syracuse* laden with Spoils.

Hannibal sent
to aid those
of Segesta.

After the Overthrow of the *Athenians* in *Sicily*, the People of *Segesta*, who had espoused their Cause against the *Syracusans*, called over the *Carthaginians* to their Aid, and they accordingly sent to them a Fleet under the Command of *Hannibal*, the Grandson of that *Amilcar* who was slain by *Gelon*. He soon took and destroyed the Cities of *Selinus* and *Himera*, and returning to *Carthage*, was received with great Demonstrations of Joy, the Senators themselves coming out to meet him; but after his Departure from *Sicily*, *Hierocrates*, Admiral of the *Syracusan* Fleet, re-established the Remainder of the Inhabitants of those Places in the Ruins of their Cities, and encouraged them to re-build them, which they immediately set about, and gained considerable Advantages over the *Carthaginian* Confederates. To revenge this Dishonour, *Hannibal* was joined in Commission with *Himilco* the Son of *Hanno*, and placed at the Head of another Fleet, who detached forty Gallies before them

to the Coast where they intended their Descent, designing soon to follow with their whole Force; but the *Syracusans* falling in with the forty Gallies off of *Eryx*, sunk fifteen of them, the rest escaping by favour of the Night. The two Generals hereupon repaired with the rest of the Fleet to *Agrigentum*, where landing their Troops, they laid siege to that Town, during which *Hannibal* died of the Plague; and *Himilco* (after several successful Engagements, wherein he in some sort revenged the Death of his Colleague on the *Silicians*) finding the contagious Distemper raging more fierce, and that the Flower of his Troops were destroyed, returned to *Carthage*, where he put an end to his Life, in a Fit of Despair and Rage that he had been thus forced to abandon *Sicily*, which he was so near reducing to the Obedience of *Carthage*.

The Syracusians destroy several Gallies of Carthage.
* *Trepano del Monte.*

The Carthaginians return by reason of the Plague.

His Successor in the Generalship was *Maleus* beforemention'd, to whom succeeded *Mago*, who was the first of the *Carthaginian* Captains that introduced among them any thing of a strict and regular Discipline. He having subdued most of the Islands on the *African* Coast, was succeeded by *Asdrubal* and *Amilcar*, his two Sons, who treading the same Paths of Glory their Father had done, were Heirs to his Greatness and Bravery, as well as to his Fortune. They were both joined in Commission for the Management of the War in *Sardinia*, where *Asdrubal* was desperately wounded, and died, leaving the Command of the Army to his Brother *Amilcar*. The general Lamentation which was made for him in the City (he having passed through eleven Dictatorships, and four Triumphs) made his Death as remarkable as it was glorious, and hereupon the Enemies of *Carthage* took fresh Courage, as if the Genius of that Republick expired with their General. The People of *Sicily* had recourse for Aid to *Leonidas*, Brother to the King of *Sparta*, on which ensued a bloody War, which was carried on for a long time, both by Sea and Land, with various Success, till at length *Amilcar* was slain, leaving three Sons, *Himilco*, *Hanno*, and *Gisco*. Of these *Himilco*, being constituted General for the *Carthaginians* in *Sicily*, he defeated *Dionysius*, Tyrant of *Syracuse*, in several Engagements by Sea and Land, but lost the greatest Part of his Army afterwards by the Plague, upon which he returned to *Carthage*, where through Grief he laid violent Hands on himself.

Mago subdued several Islands.

Asdrubal slain at Sardinia.

Amilcar slain.

Himilco beats Dionysius of Syracuse, but kills him not.

The *Carthaginians* being forced out of *Sicily*, *Dionysius* considered that so great an Army lying at home without Action, might endanger the Repose and Tranquillity of his Kingdom; wherefore he transported them to *Italy*, as well to keep them perpetually employed, as to enlarge the Bounds of his Dominions. He first built in *Sicily* Gallies with five Tire of Oars, and made also a maritime Arsenal near *Syracuse*, wherein were a hundred and sixty Houses for the Reception of his Naval Stores, with all necessary Conveniences for building and fitting his Ships; and making War upon those *Grecians* which inhabit the opposite Shores of *Italy*, he defeated them, attacked most of the neighbouring People, and reducing the Country of the *Rhegians*, together with the *Locri Epizephyrrii*, intended to join his Arms with the *Senonian* Gauls, who

Conquests made by Dionysius.

His Arsenal near Syracuse.

had lately burnt *Rome*, and afterwards to try his Fortune for the Conquest of all *Italy*; but, in the midst of these Designs, he was forced to return home, where *Hanno*, the *Carthaginian* General, was laying waste his Dominions. *Hanno* was found guilty of some treasonable Contrivances against the State, for which he suffered Death, and *Dionysius* becoming odious to his People, by his Pride, Ambition, and Cruelty, was at length slain by his own Subjects, and his eldest Son, of the same Name, set up in his room; who being in a short time expelled *Sicily*, was received by the *Locrenses*, with whom reigning tyrannically six Years, he was at length driven out of their City by a Conspiracy, and returned to *Sicily*; where having *Syracuse* surrender'd to him by Treachery, he slew *Dio*, to whose Courage and Conduct was owing his Defeat in a Sea-Fight off *Leontium*, and his Expulsion from the Kingdom. Becoming every Day by his Cruelty more hateful to the People, he was again exposed to a new Conspiracy of the Citizens, headed by *Icetes*, Prince of the *Leontines*, assisted by *Timoleon* the *Corinthian*, by whom being forced into Banishment, he retired to *Corinth*, where he lived, in extreme Poverty and Indigence, to a very advanced Age.

Dionysius
slain by his
Subjects.

A. M. 3582.

The younger
Dionysius
takes *Syracuse*.

Dionysius banished, and dies.

Timoleon placing a Garrison of *Corinthians* in the Citadel, *Icetes* was so enraged at it, that he called *Mago*, the *Carthaginian* Admiral, to his Assistance, and with a Fleet of a hundred and fifty Sail, entered the Haven of *Syracuse*: However, *Mago* being apprehensive of a Reconciliation between them, and fearing that by the *Sicilians* and *Corinthians*, under a Shew of Friendship, he might be deluded to his Destruction, he returned with his Fleet to *Carthage*. *Timoleon*, after his Departure, having considerably the Advantage, brought *Syracuse* entirely to his Obedience; which being exhauffed of great Numbers of its Citizens by the long Wars, he re-peopled with *Corinthians*, and putting to Death, or expelling the Tyrants in most of the Cities of *Sicily*, restored the greatest part of that Island to its ancient Liberty. The *Carthaginians* having, on account of some Misbehaviour, nailed to the Cross the Body of *Mago*, who had laid violent Hands on himself, got together from *Africk*, *Spain*, *Gaul*, and *Lyguria*, an Army of seventy thousand Men, with a Fleet of two hundred Gallies, and a thousand Victualling Ships and Transports, which they sent under the Command of *Hannibal* and *Bomilcar* to *Sicily*, in order to extirpate all the *Grecians* out of that Island; but they being rotally defeated by *Timoleon*, *Gisco*, the Brother of *Hanno*, was substituted in their room. This Success of *Timoleon's* Arms had such an Influence on the *Carthaginians*, that, soon after *Hanno's* Arrival in *Sicily*, they sent him Instructions to make Proposals of Peace, which was at length agreed to, on these Conditions. That the *Carthaginians* should quit all Pretensions to any part of *Sicily* beyond the River *Lycus*, which was to be their Eastern Boundary in that Island; that they should not for the future support any of the Tyrants there; and, lastly, that such of the *Carthaginians* as had their Effects at *Syracuse* might be permitted to settle there with their Families.

Timoleon
brings *Syracuse*
to his Obedience,
and restores *Sicily*
to Liberty.

A. M. 3607.

Carthaginians
send a great
Fleet and Army
to *Sicily*,

but

are overcome
by *Timoleon*.

Peace between
the *Carthaginians*
and *Timoleon*.

Timoleon

Timolion dying, *Agathocles*, a Person of very mean Extraction, attempted to get into his Hands the Government of *Syracuse*, but failing in his Design, withdrew in Banishment to the *Murgantines*, then at War with the Inhabitants of that City, who elected him *Prætor*, and afterwards made him their General. In this War he took the City of the *Leontines*, and besieged the *Syracusans*, who implored the Assistance of *Amilcar*; which Leader laying aside the Animosity which his Nation bore them, sent the desired Relief; so that at one and the same time an Enemy defended them with all the Zeal and Affection of a Citizen, and a Citizen attacked them with all the Fury of an Enemy. But *Agathocles*, by his Artifices, bringing over *Amilcar* to his Interest, they came to a Composition, wherein it was agreed, that *Agathocles* should not only return to *Syracuse*, but be made *Prætor*. The Death of *Amilcar*, whose Conduct in this Affair was highly disapproved by the *Carthaginians*, furnished *Agathocles* with a specious Pretence to make War on them, whose first Engagement was with *Amilcar* the Son of *Gisco*, and the *Carthaginian* Fleet entering the great Haven of *Syracuse*, was forced ignominiously to retire from thence, when an *Athenian* Gally falling in with them, they took, and barbarously cut off the Hands of all her Company. Thence steering for *Messana*, they were overtaken, off *Catana*, by a furious Tempest, wherein many of their Ships were forced ashore, which fell into the Hands of *Agathocles's* Soldiers; and *Amilcar*, soon after landing his Forces on the South side of the Island, encamped in the *Geboan* Plains, where *Agathocles*, twice joining Battel with him, was as often defeated, and the victorious *Carthaginians* advancing to *Syracuse*, sat down before that Place.

Agathocles endeavours to gain Syracuse.

Agathocles gains Syracuse by means of Amilcar.

The Carthaginian Gallies destroyed by Tempest.

Amilcar, Son of Gisco, beats Agathocles.

Agathocles, finding he was neither equal to them in Number of Men, nor provided with Necessaries to sustain a Siege, but above all that his Allies, offended with his violent Behaviour, had abandoned his Interest, he resolved to move the Seat of the War into *Africa*. A most bold and astonishing Undertaking it was, that he who was not able to keep his own Ground at home, should be so sanguine as to attempt a War abroad, and that the Conquered should have the Hardiness to insult the Conquerors. Having landed his Army in *Africa*, he ordered all his Ships to be set on fire, that, since all hopes of Flight were taken away, his Troops might be sensible they must either conquer or die. He was presently met by *Hanno* with an Army of thirty thousand Men, whom he entirely defeated, killing with him three thousand on the spot; whereupon advancing further with his Troops, he encamped within five Miles of the City of *Carthage*; and to make up the Measure of the *Carthaginians* Misfortunes, there now came Advice of the entire Lots of their Army and General in *Sicily*. For *Agathocles*, upon his extraordinary Successes in *Africa*, dispatching *Nearchus* with two Gallies to *Syracuse* with Advice thereof, they in five Days reached that Port, and as they were entering the Haven, some of the *Carthaginian* Ships, which lay before the Town, attacked them, at which the People being alarmed, they came down in great Numbers on the

Agathocles carries the War into Africa.

Hanno defeated by Agathocles.

the Strand, manned out their Ships, and, fighting the Enemy with great Courage and Resolution, rescued the two Gallies, and brought them safe in; besides which, they gained a very considerable Advantage over them ashore. *Amilcar*, nevertheless, pushed the Siege with all possible Vigour, but being unfortunately taken Prisoner, he was carried into the City, and delivered up to the Populace, who put him to Death, his Army at the same time receiving a signal Overthrow. This Misfortune to the *Carthaginians* was not only attended with the Revolt of several of the *African* Princes, who now took part with *Agathocles*, but the Loss of several of the maritime Towns; which Tyrant having now got sufficient Footing in *Africa*, and thinking his Presence necessary in *Syracuse*, still besieged by more Forces the *Carthaginians* had sent thither since the Death of *Amilcar*, he left the Command of the Army to his Son *Archagathus*, and repaired to *Sicily*, where he no sooner arrived, than all the Cities of the Island, having heard what noble Exploits he had performed in *Africa*, strove who should first throw themselves under his Obedience, so that entirely expelling the *Carthaginians* thence, he became absolute Master of the whole Country.

Upon his Return to *Africk*, he found the Soldiers revolting against his Son, because he had delayed the Payment of their Arrears; and so dissatisfied were they, that he found it necessary to secure his Person by embarking for *Syracuse* in the same Ships which had just brought him from thence; whereupon his Army capitulated with the *Carthaginians*, and surrendered themselves, first killing *Agathocles's* Sons, whom they had taken as they were endeavouring to escape with their Father. After this, the *Carthaginians* sent new Commanders into *Sicily* to prosecute the War, with whom *Agathocles* concluded a Peace upon reasonable Conditions; and having thus rid himself of the *Carthaginians* again, and subdued all *Sicily* to his Obedience, he, as if he had been too strictly confined in the narrow Limits of an Island, transported his Army into *Italy*, after the Example of *Dionysius*, and took several Cities there; but a most violent Distemper seizing on him, and his Son and Grandson taking up Arms against each other for the Crown, obliged him to return to *Sicily*, where he soon after died.

About this time *Pyrrhus*, King of *Epirus*, was engaged in a War against the *Romans*, and being implored by the *Sicilians* to come to their Assistance against the *Carthaginians*, he arriving at *Syracuse*, took several Cities, and joined the Title of King of *Sicily* to that of *Epyrus*. He defeated the *Carthaginians* in several Battels, but some time after his Allies in *Italy*, by their Deputies, acquainting him that they were not able to make head against the *Romans*, and that if he delayed to relieve them, they should be soon necessitated to surrender, he resolved, if possible, first to finish the War in *Sicily* by one decisive Battel with the *Carthaginians*, and accordingly fought, and entirely routed them; but, notwithstanding his great Successes, he immediately quitted *Sicily*, and fled like one conquered, for which reason all his Allies deserted his Interests, and revolted from him, so that he lost the Kingdom of *Sicily* in as short

a time

Amilcar taken Prisoner, and murdered in Syracuse.

Agathocles makes himself Master of Sicily, and returns to Africa.

Agathocles flies to Syracuse.

Peace between Agathocles and the Carthaginians.

Agathocles dies.

A. M. 3662.

Pyrrhus aids the Sicilians.

and routs the Carthaginians in Sicily.

a time as he had acquired it; and the same ill Fortune attending him in *Italy*, he was constrained at last to return to *Epirus*.

Pyrrhus was a Prince of vast Projects and Designs, as may be judged, among many other Instances, from the extravagant Fancy, as *Pliny* tells us, he once entertained of laying a Bridge over from *Greece* to *Italy*, in order to march his Army into that Country. The Place where he designed to build it was in the Mouth of the *Adriatick* Gulph, to reach from *Oricum*, (now *Val del Orso*) a City of *Epirus*, a few Miles South of *Apollonia*, to *Hydruntum* in *Italy*, (now *Otranto*) where it is about fifty Miles over; but it being a very deep and tempestuous Sea, and the Distance so great, he found it impossible to put his Project in Execution. He was certainly one of the greatest Instances of good and bad Fortune which History affords; for as in his Prosperity every thing fell out above his Expectation, witness his Victories in *Italy* and *Sicily*, and so many Triumphs over the *Romans*; so now, when the Wheel turned about, this same Fortune destroyed the Work of her own Hands, and increased the Loss of *Sicily* with the Ruin of his Navy at Sea, an unsuccessful Battel with the *Romans*, and a dishonourable Retreat out of *Italy*. After he had quitted *Sicily*, *Hieron* was constituted chief Magistrate of the Island, who behaved himself with so much Moderation, that all the Cities, by unanimous Consent, made him their Generalissimo against the *Carthaginians*, and afterwards their King.

Pyrrhus, a Prince of vast Designs.

Pyrrhus his Navy ruined at Sea.

Hieron chief Magistrate of Sicily.

A. M. 3675.

CHAP. XIII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Romans, from their first vigorous Application to the Sea in the first Punick War, to the Conclusion of the said War.

THE *Romans* having about this time reduced all *Italy* to their Obedience as far as the Streights of *Messana*, there they stopt a while, as *Florus* expresses it, like a devouring Flame which has raged through a whole Forest, till the Course of a River falling through it, has a little stayed its Fury. Here having within their View a rich and flourishing Island, which seemed, as it were, cut off from *Italy*, they, since they could not join it by Land, determined to annex it to their Dominions by force of Arms; for attempting whercof, there offered a very specious Pretence; for just at that time, the *Mamertines*, a People in the Northern Parts of the Island, who were besieged in *Messana* by *Hieron*, King of *Sicily*, implored their Assistance, and complained of the *Carthaginians*, their late Allies, who now joined with *Hieron* against them; which People, as we have already observed, aspired to the Dominion of this Island, as well as the *Romans*; and, indeed, the principal Motive

The Romans have a Design on Sicily

Motive to this War was their exorbitant Power, they having not only subdued *Africa*, but made themselves Masters of many Places in *Spain*, together with *Sardinia*, and all the adjacent Islands on the Coast of *Italy*; so that the *Romans* had reason to look on their Neighbourhood with an Eye of Jealousy, being, as it were, now surrounded by them. And knowing that they had Designs on *Italy* it self, they foresaw how formidable they would grow by the Accession of all *Sicily* to their State, which, unless they interposed to prevent it, by assisting the *Mamertines*, they perceived would certainly fall into their Hands: For since *Messana* would soon be theirs, *Syracuse* could not then be long able to withstand them, the Territory of which two Places contained a principal Part of the Island. Maturely considering these things, and that it would by no means be safe for them to abandon those of *Messana* in this Juncture, and permit the *Carthaginians* to be Masters of a Post which might prove, as it were, a Bridge to convey them into *Italy*, the Senate passed a Decree for War, which was confirmed by an Ordinance of the People: And *Appius Claudius*, one of the Consuls, was ordered to conduct an Army forthwith into *Sicily* to the Relief of *Messana*.

The Romans declare War against Carthage.

Year of the World, 3685. Of Rome, 488.

The Romans defeat Hieron and the Carthaginians.

With a small Fleet consisting of Ships belonging to the *Locrenses*, *Tarentines* and *Neapolitans*, (for the *Romans* had then none of their own) he, with much danger and difficulty, passed the Streights, but so successful he was, that he raised the Siege of *Messana* in a short time, and after that defeated both *Hieron* and the *Carthaginians*, in two several Battels. These Victories frightening *Hieron* into Obedience, he entered into a Treaty of Peace and Friendship with the *Romans*, who vigorously prosecuting the War against the *Carthaginians*, now ventured to Sea with a Fleet of their own, consisting of a hundred Gallies of five Tire of Oars, and twenty of three: Their wonderful Diligence and Success in building whereof, and their Method of instructing the People to use their Oars, we have related in the first Book. After they had sufficiently exercised themselves ashore, in the manner there described, they embarked on board the Fleet, and went out to put what they had learn'd in Practice, at which time *Caius Cornelius*, who was General at Sea, was absent on an Expedition to *Messana*, with seventeen Ships under his Command, to give Directions for the Reception and Security of the Fleet; during whose Continuance there, an Occasion seemed to present for the surprizing of *Lipara*, one of the *Aeolian* Islands, to which Place he therefore repaired with his Ships; but *Hannibal*, who commanded the *Carthaginian* Fleet, then lying at *Panormus*, (now *Palermo*) having Intelligence of his Design, detached a strong Squadron after him under the Command of *Boodes*, who blocked him up in the Harbour of *Lipara*, and forced him to surrender with all his Ships. Yet not long after this Adventure of *Cornelius*, it wanted but little that *Hannibal* himself had been taken in the like Snare; for receiving Advice that the *Roman* Fleet was at Sea, and cruising on the Coast of *Italy* not far off, he, with fifty Gallies stretched a-head of his Fleet, to view, and be himself a Witness of their

The Roman Fleet block'd up at Lipara by Hannibal.

their Number and Posture ; but the *Romans* happening to be nearer than he was aware of, surprized him with their whole Fleet in Order of Battel, in which Rencontre he lost the greatest Part of his Squadron, and escaped narrowly himself, when every Body despair'd of his Safety. The *Romans* after this made the best of their way for *Sicily*, and receiving Advice of the Defeat of *Cornelius*, sent immediately for *Duilius*, who then had the Command of their Land-Forces in the Island : But while they attended his coming, having Intelligence that the Enemy's Fleet was at hand, they prepared to engage them. Their Vessels not being built with extraordinary Art, and they finding them to be somewhat unwieldy in working, it came into their Thoughts to help this Defect by some Invention which might be of Use to them in Fight : And then was devised that Machine called the *Corvus*, which was framed after this manner : They erected on the Prow of their Gallies a round Piece of Timber of about a Foot and a half Diameter, and near twelve Feet long, on the Top whereof they had a Block or Pully. About this Piece of Timber they framed a Stage or Platform of Boards, four Feet broad, and about eighteen Feet long, which was well framed and fastened with Iron. The Entrance was longways, and moved about the fore-said upright piece of Timber, as on a Spindle, so that it could be hoisted up within six Feet of the top ; and about this was a sort of Parapet Knee-high, which was defended with upright Bars of Iron sharpened at the ends, towards the top of each of which there was a Ring, by which Rings it was slung, and by help of the Pully hoisted and lower'd at Pleasure. With these Machines they attacked the Enemy's Gallies sometimes on their Bows, and sometimes on their Broadfides, as Occasion best served ; and whenever they thus grappled, if they happened to swing Broadside to Broadside, they entered from all Parts ; but in case they attacked them on the Bow, they entered two and two by the help of this Engine, the foremost defending the fore part, and those which followed the Flanks, keeping the Bos of their Bucklers level with the top of the Parapet.

*Hannibal's
Fleet routed.*

*Romans in-
vent an En-
gine to grapple
the Carthagi-
nian Gallies.*

Duilius, leaving the Land-Army to the Conduct of the Colonels, hastened aboard the Fleet, which he found waiting the Motions of the Enemy in this Posture. Upon his Arrival, he received Advice that they ravaged the Country on the Coast of *Mylæ*, (now *Melazzo*) whereupon he made the best of his way with the whole Fleet to encounter them. The *Carthaginians* greatly rejoiced when they descried the *Romans*, and with a hundred and thirty of their Ships stood off to Sea towards them, whom they held in so great Contempt, that, without any Order of Battel, they advanced with their Prows directly upon them, depending on certain Victory.

*The Carthagi-
nian Fleet o-
vercome by
Duilius.*

The *Carthaginian* Fleet was commanded by *Hannibal*, whose own Gally was of seven Tire of Oars, the same which formerly belonged to *Pyrrhus*, King of *Epirus* ; but approaching nearer, they became greatly surprized at the Sight of the *Roman* Engines, and stood some time in Suspence at the Novelty, having never before seen the like. However, the headmost, by the Boldness of their

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Attack,

Attack, made it appear how little they valued them; But the Romans grappling with them by the Help of their Machines, entered with ease, and came to fight hand to hand upon Deck, as on firm Ground. Some of the Carthaginians were slain, others yielded upon Quarter, frightened at the extraordinary Effect of this new and wonderful Invention, insomuch that they lost of those which came first to engage, thirty Ships with their whole Companies, of which Number the Admiral Gally was one; Hannibal himself making his Escape in a small Boat, after having performed the Duty of a gallant and able Leader. At length the rest of the Fleet came up, but when they perceived the Defeat of their first Squadron, they held it not safe to tempt their Fortune too far, being not a little surprized at the Sight of those new Engines. However, having greatly the Advantage in the Lightness of their Ships, they used their best Skill, by nimbly rowing round them, to attack them with most Safety: But when they observed that which way soever they approach'd, those Machines were still trayered, and opposed to them, they were at length compelled to yield the Honour of the Day to the Romans, retiring with the Loss of fifty of their Ships, three thousand Men being slain, and seven thousand taken Prisoners. Immediately hereupon the Romans landed their Forces in the Island, marched to the Relief of *Egesta*, which was straitly pressed by the Enemy, which having raised, they from thence, in a Breath, marched to the Attack of *Maecella*, and took it by Assault.

Egesta relieved, and *Maecella* taken by the Romans.

Those Successes were so unexpected at *Rome*, that the Senate decreed *Duilius* unusual Honours; for, besides his obtaining the Glory of the first Naval Triumph, he was ever after attended from Supper with Musick and Flambeaus, as if the Celebration of his Victories was to last his whole Life-time; and a Pillar was also erected to him in the *Forum*, adorned with the Beaks of Ships, on the top whereof was placed his Statue. *Hannibal*, being thus defeated at Sea, returned with the Remainder of the Fleet to *Carthage*, and after he was reinforced with more Ships and able Officers, he put to Sea for *Sardinia*, where he was no sooner arrived but he was surprized in Harbour by the Romans, who took many of his Ships, which Misfortune begat a Mutiny in the Remainder of the Army, who seized on his Person and crucified him. *Lucius Cornelius Scipio*, and *C. Aquilius Florus*, being now Consuls, they, at the Head of a considerable Fleet, forced the Carthaginians to retire, and ravaged the Islands of *Sardinia* and *Corfica*, which were still in the Carthaginian Interest. They took *Albia*, a Sea-Port of *Sardinia*, where they celebrated very honourably the Funeral of *Hanno*, the Carthaginian Admiral, who was slain bravely fighting in the Defence of that Place, and returning victoriously to *Rome*, they were also honoured with a Naval Triumph, after which they erected a Temple to the Gods which preside over Tempests, in Remembrance of their being delivered from a great Storm off of *Corfica*.

Honours decreed to *Duilius*.

Hannibal surprized at *Sardinia*, and crucified.

Success of the Romans.

The Romans, encouraged by the good Success they met with in their first Naval Battels, looking upon themselves to be already Masters of *Sicily*, resolved to carry the War into *Africa*, and attack the Enemy

Enemy at home, that so they might find Employment in the Defence and Preservation of their own Country, while they were solicitous to contest for the Mastery of *Sicily*. To this purpose they assembled a Fleet of three hundred and thirty Sail, with which repairing to *Messana*, they left Orders for the Management of Affairs there, and standing along the Coast of *Sicily*, having doubled the Promontory of *Pachinus*, (now *Cape Passaro*) they stretched away towards *Ecnome*, where their Land-Forces then were, in order to pass directly over to *Africa*. The *Carthaginians* resolved to oppose this Design with their utmost Power, and arriving with a Fleet of three hundred and fifty Sail off *Heraclea Minoa*, offered the *Romans* Battel, who accepting it, disposed their Fleet into four Divisions. The two Consuls, *M. Attilius Regulus*, and *L. Manlius*, were in the two Admiral-Gallies in the Front of their distinct Squadrons, each of them just a-head of their own Divisions, and a-breast of the other, the first Fleet being posted on the Right, and the second on the Left, making two long Files, or Lines of Battel: And whereas it was necessary to give a due Space between each Gally to ply their Oars, and keep clear one of another, and to have their Heads or Prows looking somewhat outwards, this manner of drawing up did therefore naturally form an Angle, the Point whercof was at the two Admiral-Gallies, which were near together; and as their two Lines were prolonged, so the Distance grew consequently wider and wider towards the Rear. In this manner were the first and second Divisions disposed. The third was drawn up Front-ways, in the Rear of the first and second, and so stretching along from Point to Point composed a Triangle, whereof this third Line was the Base. Their Vessels of Burthen, which carried their Horses and Baggage, being placed in the Rear of these, were, by the Help of small Boats, provided for that purpose, towed after them. In the Rear of all was the fourth Division, drawn up likewise in Rank, or Frontways, parallel to the third; so that the whole formed a Triangle, of which the *Area* was void, and the Base contained what we have already mentioned. In this Figure were they disposed for all that could happen, nor would it have been an easy matter to have broken them; and when the *Carthaginians* had observed how they were drawn up, they then determined after what manner to form their Battel: Accordingly they dispos'd their Fleet into four Divisions, and drew it out into one long File, that part of the Right of this Line stretching a great way out into the Sea, as if they intended to surround the *Romans*; the fourth Division, which was the Left of the Line, keeping close under the Shore, disposed in form of a *Forceps*, or Pair of Pincers. *Hanno* was on the Right with the first Division, having with him all the nimble and best rowing Vessels of the Fleet, being such as were proper to attack and retreat, and for their Lightness could row round the *Romans*. *Amilcar* was to have had the Command of the Left Wing, but removed into the Centre, which consisted of the second and third Divisions, where he devised a Stratagem which shewed him an Officer of no small Experience. The *Romans* having observed that the *Carthaginians*, by spreading their

The Roman and Carthaginian Fleets prepare for Battel.

In what manner the Roman Fleet was drawn up.

How the Carthaginians formed their Battel.

The Fight between the Romans and Carthaginians.

Fleet to so great an Extent, were by that means but thinly drawn up, they therefore attacked them in the middle of their Line; but the *Carthaginians*, pursuant to the Orders they had received, immediately retreated, with design to separate the *Romans*, and put them in disorder by the pursuit, who accordingly pressed on after them. The first and second Divisions were those which engaged in the Pursuit of the *Carthaginians*, who feigned to fly; and thus the *Roman Fleet* became disjoined, the third Division remaining with the Baggage in a Tow, and the fourth keeping their Post in the Rear of all. Now when the *Carthaginians* judged the first and second Divisions to be sufficiently distanced from the rest, the Signal was given from *Amilcar's* Gally, whereupon that Part of their Fleet which was chased by the *Romans* immediately tacked, and made head against them. The Battel now grew warm every where, and although the *Carthaginians* had the Advantage in the Lightness and ready Working of their Gallies, whether it were to advance or retreat, as Occasion required, which they performed with great Readiness and Facility, nevertheless the *Romans* lost not their Assurance of Success in the end, finding themselves better Men when they come to the Sword's Point, and having great Trust in their Engines, wherewith they grappled and boarded the Enemy. *Hanno*, who commanded the Right of the Line, and was at a good Distance from the Place where the Battel began, bore down, and attacked the fourth Division of the *Romans*, where he succeeded so well, as to reduce them to the last Extremity: Mean while, that Squadron of the *Carthaginians* which was posted on the Left under the Shore, ranged themselves into a Front, and turning their Prows upon the Enemy, charged the third Division which had the Guard of the Baggage and Horse Ships; whereupon the *Romans* casting off the Ships they had in a Tow, received the *Carthaginians*, and fought them with great Bravery. Now might be seen three Naval Battels fought at one and the same time in three several Places; but the Parties engaging being of equal Strength, it happened, as for the most part it doth in the like Adventures, that Fortune gave the Victory to that side for whom she first began to declare; so that *Amilcar*, nor being able to sustain the first Shock of the *Romans*, was beaten, and betook himself to flight; *Manlius* towing away such of his Ships as he had taken. In the mean while *Regulus* perceiving the great Danger the fourth Division was in, and the Vessels which carried their Equipage, advanced to their Relief with the second Division, which remained yet entire; whereupon the *Romans*, in that fourth Division, now well-nigh vanquished, observing with what Bravery he attacked *Hanno*, took heart, and renewed the Battel; inasmuch that he seeing himself assaulted from all Quarters, both in Front and Rear, and that *Regulus*, contrary to all Expectation, had thus come up and joined the Fleet, by which means he was in danger of being quite surrounded, yielded the Day to the *Romans*, and flying, got off to Sea. At the same time *Manlius*, who was now returned from the Chace, observing that the third Fleet of the *Romans* had been forced under the Shore by the Enemy's Left Wing, where they held

Three Naval Battels at the same time.

held them surrounded, came up to their Relief, and was seconded by *Regulus*, who had now rescued the fourth Division and Baggage Vessels, and left them safe. And indeed this Part of their Fleet was in great Danger, and had been lost e'er this, if the *Carthaginians*, frighted at their new Engine, could have had Resolution to attack them, but they barely contented themselves to force them on upon the Shore, and there to keep them beset, not daring to attempt or approach them, for fear of being grappled by their *Corvi*. In short the *Carthaginians* were quickly surrounded by the *Romans*, who routing them, took fifty of their Ships with their Equipage, very few, either of Soldiers or Seamen, escaping. Such was the Success of these three Battels fought in one Day, in all which the *Romans* were Victors. They lost but twenty four of their own Gallies, and those perished against the Shore; but of the *Carthaginians* above thirty were destroyed. On their Side not a Ship was taken, but of the *Carthaginians* sixty three.

The Carthaginians routed.

The *Romans*, after this Success, having first repaired and equipped the Ships they had taken from the Enemy, and well refreshed their Army, set Sail for *Africk*, and when the Van of their Fleet had gained the *Promontory Hermæa* (now *Cape bona*) they there lay by, and attended the coming up of the rest of the Fleet, by which being joined, they stood along the Coast, till they came up with *Clupea*, where they made their Descent, drawing up their Gallies in the Port, which they secured with a Ditch and Palisade, and laying Siege to the Town, made themselves Masters of it in a short time. Having left a good Garrison for Defence of the Place, and the Country about it, they marched further up with their whole Army to forage and spoil, in which Expedition they plundered and destroyed many noble Buildings, took much Booty of all sorts of Cattel, and at least twenty thousand Prisoners, which they brought down to their Ships; and this they performed without any Opposition. Receiving Orders from the Senate that only one of the Consuls should continue in *Africk* with a competent Strength to prosecute the War, and the other return back to *Rome* with the rest of the Army, *Regulus* remained with forty Ships, fifteen thousand Foot, and five thousand Horse, and *Manlius* returned along the Coast of *Sicily* to *Rome* with the rest of the Army, carrying with him many Prisoners.

The Romans sail for Africa.

Romans take Clupea, and do great Mischief.

The Senate, not long after, received the unwelcome News that the *Carthaginians*, being reduced almost to Despair by the hard Conditions offered them by *Regulus*, (without which no Peace could be obtained) had sent to *Lacedæmon* for *Xantippus*, a most experienced General, and that under his Conduct they had killed thirty thousand *Romans*, taken *Regulus* alive, with fifteen hundred others, and closely besieged in *Clupea* two thousand Soldiers, who alone escaped from the Battel. Upon this Advice they immediately dispatched to Sea the Consuls *Servius* and *Æmilius*, with a Fleet of three hundred and fifty Gallies, who, by that time they reached the Height of *Cape Hermæa* beforementioned, fell in with the *Carthaginian* Fleet, which they entirely routed, taking a hundred and fourteen Gallies

The Romans beat the Carthaginians of Cape Hermæa.

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with all their Equipage; from whence proceeding on to *Clupea*, they raised the Siege of that Place, received their Troops on board, and shaped their Course back to *Sicily*; but being well advanced on their Way, they were surprized, off of *Camarina*, with so dreadful a Tempest, that the Losses and Hardships they sustained were without Example and beyond Expression: So terrible it was that of three hundred and seventy odd Sail that composed their Fleet, fourscore only escaped Shipwreck, the rest either foundering in the Sea, or were lost against the Rocks, insomuch that the Coast was covered with dead Bodies, and the Fragments of Ships.

The Romans suffer extremely in a Tempest.

Adrubal sent with a Fleet to Sicily.

The Romans take Panormus, and proceed to Africa.

Their Gallies on the Syrtis in Danger.

and left in the Straights of Messana.

Hannibal succours Lilybeum.

Ulpiano del Vado's Account of a Sea Fight between the Romans and Carthaginians.

The *Carthaginians*, upon this Misfortune of the *Romans*, were of Opinion that they should now be a Match for them at Sea, so that conceiving Hopes of recovering *Sicily*, they sent thither *Adrubal*, with a Fleet of three hundred Sail, a great Army, and a hundred and fifty Elephants; who would certainly have made himself Master of the Island, had not the *Romans*, with wonderful Celerity, fitted out a hundred and twenty Gallies to join the eighty that escaped Shipwreck, with which Force they took *Panormus* by Assault, the most important Place the *Carthaginians* held in the whole Island. Encouraged by this Success they sailed the next Year toward *Africa*, with Design to make a Descent there, but found the Coasts so well guarded by the *Carthaginians* that they could not effect their Purpose; and being unacquainted with the Coast, they were got down so far Southward as the lesser *Syrtis*, or the *Flats*, where falling among the Sands, the Gallies stuck fast, and there remained till the Flood lifted them off, when, with great Difficulty and Hazard, throwing their Lumber over-board, they made a Shift to escape. From thence they stood away for the Coast of *Sicily*, and got into the Port of *Panormus*, but steering their Course homeward, they, by a Storm in the Streight of *Messana*, (where, by a blind Obstinacy, they were embayed) lost above a hundred and fifty of their Ships. These Calamities induced them to quit all farther Attempts, at Sea, and totally to rely on their Land Armies; but continuing not long in this Resolution, they fitted out a Fleet of two hundred Sail, which they sent to *Sicily* under the Consul *C. Attilius*, who investing *Lilybeum* (now *Marsala*) lay a whole Year before that Place, which, notwithstanding the *Roman* Fleet, *Hannibal*, the Son of *Amilcar*, succoured with a Body of Troops, and a great Supply of Provisions, with only fifty Gallies.

The next Year the *Romans* were re-inforced with ten thousand Men under the Command of the Consul *Clodius*, with which they thought of nothing less than surprizing *Adberbal*, the *Carthaginian* Admiral, and that not one of his Ships should escape out of their Hands, but were themselves surprized when they saw *Adberbal* near *Drepanum*, in a Posture ready to give them Battel. He bravely sustained the Charge of the whole *Roman* Fleet, thrice as numerous as his own, and managed his Gallies, which were of an excellent built, with utmost Dexterity, they being manned by most expert Seamen, who were well acquainted with the Coast and Depth of Water, while the *Romans*, destitute of this Advantage, either run aground

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on the Sands, or were lost against the Rocks; and oftentimes endeavouring to grapple the *Carthaginians* with their Engines, or transfix them with their Beaks, they artfully retired to Shelves, and dangerous Places, whence the *Romans* could not possibly escape; so that the Consul observing the Distress of his Fleet, he with about thirty Gallies stood away toward *Lilybeum*, leaving ninety three with the *Carthaginians*, and very few of the Men that were thrown on the Shore escaped. This Loss of the *Romans* was followed by one no less in the same Year; for the other Consul, *Junius*, receiving Orders from the Senate to go with a great Convoy of Provisions to the Army before *Lilybeum*, as he was performing that Service, *Carthalo*, a *Carthaginian* Captain, encountered him with a hundred Sail, took several of the Barks, and so harassed the Consul, that he was obliged to retire to an open harbourless Coast, where, in a violent Storm, not one of his Ships escaped, nor was there so much saved as a whole Plank of all his Squadron, which consisted of sixty Sail.

The Romans lose many Gallies to the Carthaginians.

The Romans shipwrecked in a Storm.

The *Romans*, after so great Losses by Sea, resolved to content themselves with keeping Possession of what they had in *Sicily*, and to defend the Coasts of *Italy*; and the Garrison of *Eryx*, a Town in the westernmost Parts of *Sicily*, made a brave Defence against the *Carthaginians*, who besieged it two Years, while the Fleet that they kept at Sea for Defence of the Coasts, not only prevented the Enemy's making Descents in *Italy*, but chased them as far as the Island *Aegimurus* (now *Zimbala*) on the Coast of *Africa*, and there entirely defeating them, took a great Booty, which however they did not long enjoy, being forced by a Storm into the *Syrtis*, where they were almost all shipwrecked; and this deprived the Consuls *Fabius* and *Buteo* of an expected Triumph. The *Romans* however took Courage, and since the publick Treasury was now exhausted, many private Persons joined, some two, and some three together, for building and equipping a Gally at their own Charge, according to the Model of a *Rhodian* Gally that was taken from the *Carthaginians* before *Lilybeum*: So that every one lending a helping Hand to the Work, they, in a short time, fitted out a Fleet of two hundred Sail. The *Carthaginians* having Advice of this, sent out *Hanno* to *Sicily* with two hundred and fifty Gallies, and a considerable Number of large Ships of Burthen, well provided with all Necessaries, who was ordered to convey a Supply of Provisions into the Town of *Eryx*, (which was possessed by the *Carthaginians*, as was the Citadel by the *Romans*;) and having lighten'd his Gallies, to join the Forces under *Amibcar Barcas*, with whom he was to act against the *Romans*; but *Lucatius* the Consul being informed of *Hanno's* Arrival on the Coasts of *Sicily*, and suspecting his Design, he took on board the Choice of his Land Forces, and sailed to *Aegusa*, (now *Favagnana*) where he resolved to wait and give the Enemy Battel, notwithstanding the Wind was against him, and consequently favoured them, for that by so doing he should engage with *Hanno* only, and the Troops that embarked with him, whose Fleet was encumber'd with Stores and Provisions. It was not long before

the Garrison of *Eryx* made a brave Defence.

The Carthaginians defeated, but the Romans suffer by Tempest.

The Romans contribute towards building a Fleet.

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the Enemy were descry'd coming down with a flown Sheet, whereupon he stood out of the Port, and drawing into a Line of Battel made directly towards them; for his Seamen being in good plight, and well exercised, they surmounted all Difficulties, and advanced in a regular Order. In fine, the *Carthaginian* Ships, being very much peffer'd, were but in an ill Condition for fight, so that the Controversy was soon decided, the *Romans* routing them at the first Encounter. Fifty of their Gallies were sunk and seventy taken with all their Men aboard; and when the News of this Defeat reached *Carthage*, though it surprized, yet did it not humble them, for they would willingly have continued the War, could they have found means to sustain it, but of that they had no Prospect; for while the *Romans* continued Masters at Sea, there was no Way whereby to succour and support their Forces in *Sicily*: Wherefore they dispatched full Powers to *Amilcar Barca*, their General in that Island, to act in this Conjunction as he should judge most conducive to the Welfare of the Commonwealth, who thereupon sent Ambassadors to the Consul to treat about a Peace, and the following Project was offered.

The Carthaginians worsted on the Coast of Sicily.

A Project for Peace, which was, with some Alterations, concluded.

That is, according to Thomastus, 385000 l. Sterling.

175000.

Observation on the Naval Strength of Rome and Carthage.

“ That there should be a good, firm, and lasting Peace and Friendship between the *Romans* and *Carthaginians* upon these Conditions. The *Carthaginians* shall entirely evacuate *Sicily*. They shall not make further War upon *Hiero*, nor the *Syracusans*, nor their Allies. That they shall deliver up all the *Roman* Prisoners Ran-som-free, and pay to the *Romans*, within the Space of twenty Years, ^dtwo thousand and two hundred *Euboic* Talents of Silver, and that this Treaty shall be valid and good if the People of *Rome* shall approve and ratify the same.

These Articles were forthwith forwarded to *Rome*, but the People not being entirely satisfied, ten Plenipotentiaries were sent to *Sicily*, with Instructions, when they had thoroughly informed themselves of the State of Affairs, to determine on the Place what should appear to them reasonable, who shorten'd the time for Payment of the Money to ten Years, and would, besides, have a thousand Talents more paid down, and an Article added that the *Carthaginians* should evacuate the Islands between *Italy* and *Sicily*. After the Conclusion of this Treaty, *Lutatius* returned to *Rome*, and celebrated a Naval Triumph, as his Prætor *Q. Valerius* also did, in consideration of the Share he had in the Victory, by commanding the Fleet after *Lutatius's* Wounds confined him to his Bed. And further, in Regard of the great Importance of this Victory, Medals were struck in Honour of *Lutatius*, having a Quinquereme, or Gally of five Tire of Oars, encompass'd with a Civic Crown, composed of oaken Leaves, as a Token that the Lives and Safety of his Fellow-Citizens were owing to his Courage and Conduct. Thus determined the War that was waged between the *Romans* and *Carthaginians* for the Mastery of *Sicily*; which, as it had continued full four and twenty Years, so was it one of the most memorable that History hath recorded, they having once fought at Sea with five hundred Gallies, comprehending both Fleets, and afterwards with few less than seven

hundred. The *Romans* lost, during this Contest, either by Tempest, or taken by the Enemy, seven hundred Ships, and the *Carthaginians* five hundred; so that if People were surprized at the Naval Battels of *Antigonus*, *Ptolemy*, and *Demetrius*, they had much more Cause of Admiration at the Account of these stupendous Transactions. And if, by comparing these with the Fleets wherewith the *Persians* waged War against the *Greeks*, and the *Athenians* and *Lacedæmonians* among themselves, we consider the Difference between the *Roman* Gallies, which were all of five Tire of Oars, and theirs, which had but three, or less, we shall find that there was never before such a mighty Force brought together on the Sea. All which Observations *Polybius*, (whom we have closely followed in the Description of this War,) concludes with this fine Remark, " That from hence " it will become manifest it was not owing to Fortune, or Accident, " (as some *Grecians* believ'd,) that the *Romans* now began to aim " at the Dominion of the World, and at length accomplished their " End, but that they were led thereunto by the most likely and pro- " bable Measures Reason could suggest, after having acquired, by " being so long engaged in such and so great Affairs, a thorough " Knowledge and Experience of their Abilities to compass their " Design.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the Naval Wars of the Romans from the Conclusion of the first Punic War to the End of the second.

THE *Romans* were now in peaceable Possession of all *Sicily*, except a small Part of it which was enjoy'd by *Hieron*, their Ally, and maintain'd a good Correspondence with the *Carthaginians* for some time, till several Merchants, tempted by private Gain, were found to have supply'd Provisions by Sea to some of the Enemies of the *Carthaginians*, who, however, upon making Complaint thereof received due Satisfaction; but a short time after a Body of Troops in the Pay of *Carthage*, retiring in Discontent to *Sardinia*, invited the *Romans* to take Possession of the Island, and receive them into their Protection. This favourable Opportunity of acquiring a Country so commodiously situated, and with so little Trouble too, they could not find in their Hearts to forego, but resolv'd to make themselves Masters of it, and to declare War against the *Carthaginians*, if they should attempt to disturb them, who not being in a Condition to oppose these Proceedings, were oblig'd to stifle their Resentments.

Two Years after the *Romans* reduced the Coasts of *Liguria*, together with the Island of *Corfica*; whereupon ensued diverse Battels with the *Ligurians* and *Corficans*, together with some *Sardinians*, who joined with them, they having been all underhand sollicit'd to revolt by the *Carthaginians*, who were glad of any Opportunity to

The Romans take Sardinia. Reduce the Coasts of Liguria.
now

* the Republic of Genoa, and take Corfica.

find Employment for the *Romans*, and to weaken them by little and little, while they took Breath themselves, and prepared for another War; but the *Romans*, nevertheless, defeating their Enemies in several Engagements, remain'd Masters of both the Islands, and the whole Coast of *Liguria*.

^b Croatia,
Bosnia, and
Dalmatia.

Teuta, ^{Queen}
of *Illyricum*,
reduced by the
Romans.

About this time died *Agron*, King of ^b*Illyricum*, after having made several Usurpations on his Neighbours, the *Epirots* and *Grecians*, which, his Widow, *Teuta*, continued with the same tyrannical Disposition. She surprized *Phœnice*, the Capital of *Epirus*, with a Fleet, and permitted her Subjects to rob and plunder all the Ships they met with on those Seas, by which Depredations they wholly interrupted the Commerce of *Italy* and *Greece* on that Side. The *Romans*, wearied with the daily Complaints the Merchants made to them, dispatched Ambassadors to Queen *Teuta*, by whom they desired her to put an End to those insupportable Violences of her Subjects, but notwithstanding she condescended to admit them to an Audience, she treated them with great Pride and Disdain, and told them that though she would take Care for the future that no publick Injuries should be done to the People of *Rome* by the *Illyrians*, yet was it not the Custom of Princes to forbid their Subjects to make their particular Profits of what they met with in the open Sea. The youngest of the *Roman* Ambassadors, highly incensed hereat, reply'd, with some Heat, that it being the Custom of the *Romans*, to make themselves publick Reparation for Injuries done in particular, and to yield Succour to those who received them, they would therefore soon use their Endeavours, with the Will of Heaven, to oblige her to change that Princely Custom; which Answer so provoked her, that, without Regard to the Law of Nations, she barbarously caused him to be murdered; and, instead of putting an End to these Violences, fitted out, early the following Spring, a considerable Fleet against the *Grecians*, which separating into three Squadrons, at one and the same time laid Siege to ^c*Coreyra*, ^d*Dyrrachium*, and ^e*Issa*.

ⁱ Corfu.

^d Durazzo.

^e Lissa.

A. M. 372.

The *Romans*, resolving to revenge this inhumane Usage of their Ambassador, set out a Fleet against the *Illyrians* of two hundred Sail, under the Command of *Cn. Fulvius*, one of the Consuls, and sent over the other Consul *Posthumius* at the Head of an Army of twenty thousand Foot, and two thousand Horse, which struck such a Terror into them, that, in few Days, *Demetrius* of *Pharia*, who commanded, surrendered the Place to the *Romans*, who presently raised the Siege of *Dyrrachium* and *Issa*; and they having soon after reduced ^f*Apollonia* and *Nutria*, immediately thereupon all the Places the *Illyrians* possessed in *Greece* revolted to them, which they willingly received into their Friendship and Protection, and assisted them with forty Ships of War to secure them against the future Insults of their Enemies. The Queen hereupon retired to a strong Place called ^g*Rhizon*, and being now sufficiently humbled, obtained Peace of the *Romans* on these Conditions, " That she should
" pay a yearly Tribute, such as the Senate should think fit to im-
" pose; That she should relinquish entirely her Interest in *Illyricum*,
" except some few Places; and that she should not navigate beyond
" ^h*Lissus*.

ⁱ Spinarza in
Albania.

^g Rhine in
Dalmatia.

“^h *Lissus* with above two Vessels, and those to be unarmed.” Thus the *Romans* being already Masters of *Italy*, and the Islands between that and *Africa*, began to extend their Conquests to this other Part of *Europe*, taking Care to keep a good Understanding with the *Grecians*, to whom, upon this Occasion, they sent an Ambassy, to acquaint them with the Motives which induced them to undertake this War against the *Illyrians*, lest otherwise they should take umbrage thereat; whereupon ensued a Treaty of Friendship and Alliance between them, and the Consul *Fulvius*, at his Return to *Rome*, was honoured with a Naval Triumph.

^h Aleſſio in Albania, at the Bottom of the Golfo del Drino.

A Treaty between the Romans and Grecians.

About this time the *Istri*, a People between *Italy* and *Illyricum*, at the Bottom of the *Adriatick*, practis'd Piracy on that Sea, and having seized and plundered several Ships bound with Corn to *Rome*, a Fleet was sent against them, whereby they were subdued, but not without considerable Loss; and *Pub. Cornelius Scipio*, one of the Consuls, who commanded on the Expedition, had the Honour of a maritime Triumph.

The Romans subdue the Istri.

After the *Romans* had reduced all *Illyricum*, they committed the Government thereof to *Demetrius* of *Pharia*, in Consideration of several great Services he had render'd them during the Continuance of the War; but he finding them taken up with a Quarrel against the Gauls, and that *Hannibal* was cutting out Work for them in *Spain*, by the Siege of *Saguntus*, put to Sea, with a Fleet of fifty Ships of War, ravaged the Islands *Cyclades*, set himself up for King of *Illyricum*, and having put to Death those whom he suspected to be in the *Roman* Interest, placed Garrisons in all the fortified Towns, particularly securing *Dimalum*, the Place of greatest Importance in the Country, and shut himself up with six thousand of the choicest of his Troops in ⁱ *Charia*, situate in an Island of the same Name. The

Demetrius of Pharia sets up for King of Illyricum.

Romans, to reduce this Traytor, sent over several Armies, but were not able to bring the War to a Conclusion, till the Consulship of *Livius Salinator*, who passing over with an Army, attacked *Dimalum* so vigorously, that it surrender'd in seven Days; which struck such a Terror through all *Illyricum*, that the greatest Part of the Country returned to its Obedience, and submitted to the *Roman* Consul, who then re-imbarking his Troops, sailed toward *Pharia*, wherein *Demetrius* was; and arriving with his Army by Night on the Coast, he landed most of his Troops, directing them to conceal themselves in the Woods and hollow Ways, and, by Break of Day, he made Sail towards the next Port with twenty Gallies only, and came in Sight of the Town. *Demetrius* observing, and contemning their Number, marched out with Part of the Garrison to oppose their landing, and thereupon the Battel began, which was fought with great Obstinacy, Supplies of Men being constantly sent from the Town to sustain their Fellows, insomuch that by Degrees all the Garrison marched out. Mean while the *Romans* advanced who had landed by Night, covering themselves in their March in the best Manner they could, and having gained an Eminence between the Town and the Port, they cut off the Enemy's Retreat. Upon this the rest of the Gallies coming up, *Demetrius's* Troops were presently put to Flight, and

ⁱ Lesina a Town and Island in the Gulph of Venice part of the Republick of Ragusa.

Demetrius defeated by the Romans.

he himself getting on board some Vessels he had placed in a neighbouring Creek to serve him in such an Exigence, made his Escape into *Macedonia*. The Consul presently possessed himself of the Town, which he demolished; and having settled the Affairs of the Kingdom, returned to *Rome*, where he obtained a magnificent Triumph, and acquired the Reputation of a wife and gallant Leader.

The second
Punic War.
A. M. 3731.

The Carthaginians attempt to recover Sicily.

While the famous *Hannibal*, at the Head of fifteen thousand Foot, and twenty thousand Horse, forced his way through the *Pyrenean Mountains*, and the *Alps*, reputed till then impassable, and descending into *Italy*, filled that Country with Terror and Amazement, the *Carthaginians* thought they could never have a fairer Opportunity to attempt the Recovery of *Sicily*. To this purpose they first fitted out a Squadron of twenty Gallies to cruise about the Island, and plunder the Coasts, which in crossing over met with a furious Storm that drove them on the Shore, where they fell into the Hands of King *Hieron*; who understanding by the Prisoners that they were suddenly to be followed by another Squadron of thirty five Sail, which were to endeavour to surprize *Lilybeum*, and prevail with the old Allies of the *Carthaginians* to revolt from the *Romans*, and declare for them, he advertised the *Roman* Prætor thereof, and having well provided for the Defence of *Lilybeum*, received with great Bravery the *Carthaginians*, they fighting but carelessly, as thinking themselves secure of Victory, insomuch that, at the first Charge, he took seven Gallies, with seventeen hundred Men on board, and put the rest to flight. The Consul *Sempronius* arriving soon after, he entirely secured that Island, and possessed himself also of the Town and Island of ^k *Melita*, which had hitherto been in the Hands of the *Carthaginians*.

The Romans beat the Carthaginian Fleet,

and take Miletus from them.
^k Malta.

The next Year *Asdrubal*, the *Carthaginian* General in *Spain*, not thinking himself able to cope with *Scipio*, who commanded there for the *Romans*, passed over to *Africk*, and made great Levies of Troops, with which, and forty Ships of War, he soon after returned to *Spain*, resolving utterly to expel the *Romans* thence: when *Scipio*, finding himself inferior to them by Land, embarked his choicest Troops on board his Ships, with which sailing to the Mouth of the ^l *Iber*, he surprized the *Carthaginian* Fleet, taking five and twenty Sail, and forcing the rest to secure themselves by flight; and then disembarking his Troops, he made himself Master of all that Coast, and attacked, and carried the Town of ^m *Honofca*. Marching on to ⁿ *Carthago Nova*, he burnt the Suburbs of that Place, laid waste all the neighbouring Country, and made himself so formidable, that above a hundred different Nations revolted to him from the *Carthaginians*; nor was it long e'er the ^o *Balcares* Islands submitted to him; all which, what by his Address and obliging Behaviour to the *Spaniards*, (to whom he restored their Children which *Asdrubal* had kept as Hostages) and what by means of a Reinforcement of thirty Gallies, and eight thousand Men sent from *Rome*, he entirely secured in the *Roman* Interest; and at the same time *Cn. Servilius Geminus*, who had the Government of *Sicily*, with the other Islands neighbouring to *Italy*, kept in awe the Coasts of *Sardinia*

^l River Ebro.

Scipio beats *Aidrubal* at sea, and many Nations revolt.

^m Suppos'd to be *Villa Joyfa* near *Alicante*.

ⁿ *Carthagena*.

^o *Majorca*, *Minorca*, and *Yvici*.

dinia and *Corfica*, taking Hostages for their Fidelity. Passing over to *Africk*, he made a Descent, and ravaging the open Country, got a great Booty : But divers of his Men advancing in Disorder too far, fell into Ambuscades, by which he lost about a thousand. Having punished some of his Officers for Neglect of Duty in this Affair, he re embarked his Troops, and returned to *Sicily* : and not long after *Sardinia* revolting, *T. Manlius* was sent over thither, where landing his whole Force, as well Seamen as Soldiers, he came to a Battel with the Islanders, whom he defeated, and took thirteen thousand of them ; nor was it long e'er he overthrew twelve thousand *Carthaginians*, who were sent to aid them, of which above three thousand became his Prisoners, among whom were *Asdrubal* the General, with *Hanno* and *Mago*, the next principal Officers. By this good Success *Sardinia* was entirely subjected to the *Roman* Yoke, as was now almost all *Spain*, by the Victories which the two *Scipio's* obtained over another *Asdrubal*, the Brother of *Hannibal*, who was at the same time laying *Italy* waste.

The Inhabitants of Sardinia revolting, are overcome by the Romans ; as also the Carthaginians.

As *Sicily* was the original Occasion of these Wars, the *Carthaginians*, who had gained a great Victory at *Cannæ*, resolved again to attempt the Conquest of that Island, while the vanquished *Romans* should, they hoped, find enough to do to defend the Walls of their City. To this purpose they equipped at the same time two Fleets, one of which attacked the Territories of *Hieron*, who had continued a faithful Ally to the *Romans* ever since his first Treaty with them. *Gelon*, the Son of this Prince, revolted from his Father, and declared for the *Carthaginians*, ; but his Treason and Impiety were soon punished with Death. The other Fleet repaired to *Lilybaeum*, where landing the Troops, they made a great Progress in those Parts, having brought over to their Interest the common People ; and while these things were doing *Hieron* died, being in the ninetieth Year of his Age, leaving *Hieronimus*, the Son of *Gelon*, to succeed him in the Throne ; for whom, because he was but fifteen Years old, he had appointed twelve Persons to administer Affairs, till he should come to Years of Discretion. One of these, to ingratiate himself with the young King, represented to him that at that Age it was not fit for a Prince to be under Tuition, whereupon he discarded the rest of his Guardians, retaining this Person as his first Minister ; but following the Steps of his Father *Gelon*, he preferred the Friendship and Alliance of the *Carthaginians* to that of the *Romans*, and concluded a Treaty with them, that, after they had expelled the common Enemy out of the Island, the River *Himera*, which almost equally divides *Sicily* in two Parts, should be the Boundary of their respective Territories ; but by his imprudent Administration, and his abandoning himself to his Pleasures, he soon alienated the Minds of his Subjects from him, and was shortly after assassinated at *Leontium*.

The Carthaginians attempt to recover Sicily.

Hieron dies, and Hieronimus succeeds him.

Hieronimus assassinated.

The People of *Syracuse* themselves had all along been in the *Roman* Interest, but at length, by the Artifices of *Hippocrates* and *Epicides*, being brought over to the *Carthaginian* Party, they drew upon themselves the Resentments of the *Romans*, who sent *Marcellus*

Marcellus
sent to besiege
Syracuse.

Archimedes
very much
annoys the
Romans.

The Siege
turned into a
Blockade.

Appius takes
Pelorus, Her-
bessus, &c.

† Gergenti.

Bomilcar re-
turns to Car-
thage.

Marcellus
makes a gene-
ral Assault.

cellus to besiege them by Sea and Land with a Fleet of sixty five Gallies, and a considerable Land Army. This City continued long impregnable, by means of the wonderful Machines which *Archimedes*, the great Mathematician, invented for the Defence of the Place, with some of which he threw Stones of a prodigious Weight upon the *Roman* Ships, with such Exactness, that they seldom or never missed doing terrible Execution; and with other Machines, and from Loop-holes in the Walls, which he invented on this Occasion, he discharged whole Showers of Arrows at a time on the Gallies. But the most admirable Engine of all was one he made of an immense Magnitude, somewhat after the manner of a Swipe, or Draw-Bridge, which also threw out great Beams of Timber, and large Stones, and having first clear'd the Prows of the Gallies, the Men retiring all after to avoid the Destruction they made, immediately thereupon the Person who managed the Machine let fall a large grappling Iron, fastened to a strong Chain, with which seizing the Prow of the Vessel, he let down the Counter poise of the Machine, (which was balanced, as we have said, after the manner of a Swipe) and so raised the Vessel upright on her Poop in the Air, when by means of a certain Pulley and Rope, disengaging the grappling Iron, down fell the Gally, which violently plunged in the Waves. After this manner were several of the *Roman* Vessels sunk; so that *Marcellus* despairing of reducing the Place by Force, resolved to do it by Famine, and to that purpose turned the Siege into a close Blockade, both by Sea and Land. Leaving *Appius* to command there, he himself advanced with a third Part of the Troops, and took in *Pelorus* and *Herbessus*, plundered *Megara*, and cut to pieces a great Number of *Syracusans*, who had found means to escape out of the City in order to join the *Carthaginians* under *Himilco*: Who having landed near *Heraclea* with fifteen thousand Foot, three thousand Horse, and twelve Elephants, seized that Place, as presently after he did *Agrirentum*, and causing several Cities to revolt from the *Romans*, he threw a Supply of Provisions into *Syracuse*, to which Place *Marcellus* returning, he found there *Bomilcar*, the *Carthaginian* Admiral, with a Fleet of fifty five Gallies, who upon Advice that the *Roman* Fleet was advancing against him, and that it consisted of double his Strength, stayed not for better Intelligence, but made the best of his way back to *Carthage*.

Now was at hand the Celebration of the Feast of *Diana*, on which Festival *Marcellus*, as he was viewing the Works on an Eminence whence he could look into the Town, saw the People within crowned with Garlands, and revelling in Mirth and Wine; whereupon he resolved to make a general Assault the ensuing Night, and accordingly possessed himself of that part of the Town called *Epipole*, which being seated on a Hill, overlooked all the rest of the City, and offering to the Soldiers, as a Reward to their Valour, the Plunder of *Tyche* and *Neapolis*, two other Divisions of the Place lying next to that they had taken Post in, they immediately attacked and carried them also; so that there now remained only the *Achradina*, an Island in the Enemy's Hands, the latter of which
being

being gained in few Days by Intelligence from within, *Acbradina* presently surrendered, and thus, after three Year's Siege, was the City of *Syracuse* taken. This long Defence of it was chiefly owing, as we have said, to *Archimedes*, for whom, nevertheless, *Marcellus* entertained so great an Esteem, that he gave the strictest Orders for sparing his Person. But when the Place was taken, a Soldier coming in to plunder his House, and asking him hastily who he was, his Application was so intense on some Geometrical Figures he had drawn on the Ground, that he did not answer him to the purpose, but with great Earnestness begged him to stand out of the way, and not deface the Figures, whereupon the Soldier, eager to secure his Plunder, immediately kill'd him, to the great Grief of *Marcellus*, who very honourably interr'd him, and bestow'd singular Favours on his Relations.

Syracuse taken.
A. M. 3736.

We should be wanting to the Subject we are treating of, as well as to the Respect due to the Memory of this great Master of the Mechanicks, should we omit giving an Account of the famous Ship it is said he built for *Hieron*, King of *Syracuse*, which we cannot better do, than in this Place. It was so extraordinary a Piece of Workmanship, that one *Moschion* wrote a particular Treatise concerning the same, the Substance whereof *Athenaus* has preserved to us in the fifth Book of his *Deipnosophista*. For the building of this Ship (he tells us) there was cut down on the Mountain *Ætna* so much Timber as would have made sixty ordinary Gallies: Besides which, the Wood for Tree-nails, Ribs, and Knees was procured from other Parts of *Sicily*, and from *Italy*; and Materials for Cordage were fetched from *Spain* and the River [¶]*Rhodanus*, as were other Necessaries from various Places. King *Hieron* having hired a Number of Shipwrights, and other Workmen for this Service, placed *Archias*, a *Corinthian* Architect, over them, but all under the supreme Direction of *Archimedes*, and exhorting them diligently to carry on the Work, he, to encourage them thereto, would be whole Days present at their Labour. The Number of Men employed was three hundred Master-Workmen, besides their Servants, who in six Months time built the Ship up to the half of its design'd Height, and as the several Parts were finished, they covered them with Sheet-Lead, to preserve them from the Injuries of the Weather. When it was brought thus forward, *Hieron* gave Directions for removing it into the Sea, and that the rest of the Work should be perfected afloat; but how to get this vast Pile into the Water they knew not, till *Archimedes* invented the Engine called the *Helix*, by which, with the Assistance of very few Hands, he drew the Ship into the Sea; where, in six Months more, she was entirely completed, and driven full of large Nails of Brass, many of ten Pound weight, and others of fifteen, which were let into the Timbers by large awger Holes, to rivet them well together, and cover'd on the outside with pitched Cloaths, over which were nailed Plates of Lead. The Ship had twenty Tirc of Oars, and three Decks, to the lowest whereof, next the Hold, there was a Descent by several Pair of Stairs. The middle Deck had on each side of it fifteen Apartments for Dining, each

A Description of the famous Ship of Hieron King of Syracuse.

¶ Rhodane.

each furnished with four Couches, such as they used to lie on at their Meals; and on the same Deck was also the Place for the Accommodation of the Mariners, whereon were fifteen Couches, and three large Chambers for Men and their Wives, each having three Beds, next which was the Kitchin for the Poop, the Floors of all which were paved with *Mosaick Work*, wherein was represented the whole Story of the Iliad; and suitable to so rich a Floor was the Workmanship of the Cielings and Door to each Apartment. On the upper Deck was a Place for Exercises, and a fine Walk, wherein were several Garden-Plots furnished with Plants of all kinds, which were watered by Leaden Pipes laid to them from a great Receptacle of fresh Water; where were also several Arbours of Ivy, and Vines set in Hogheads of Earth, whose Roots were watered in like manner as the Plants. Next to these was an Apartment devoted to the Pleasures of Love, the Pavement whereof was of *Agate*, and other the richest Stones that were to be found in *Sicily*: The Roof was of *Cyprus-Wood*, and the Doors of Ivory and the Wood of the *Almug-Tree*. It had three Beds in it, and was richly adorned with Pictures, Statues, and drinking Vessels of exquisite Workmanship. Adjoining to this was a Room for Retirement and Conversation, which was furnished with five Couches, and wainscoted with Box, with Doors of the same Wood; within this there was a Library, and in the Cieling thereof a fine Clock, made in Imitation of the great Dial of *Syracuse*; as also a Bagnio, with three Cisterns of Brass, and a Bath which held forty Gallons, adorned with the Gems called *Tauromenites*. There were also a great Number of Cabins for the marine Soldiers, together with twenty Stables for Horses, ten on each side the Deck, with good Accommodation for the Horsemen and Grooms. In the Forecastle was the Receptacle for fresh Water, made of Planks, well lined with Cloath and Pitch, which held two hundred and fifty three Hogheads; and near that was a Well, lined with Sheet-Lead, which being kept full of Sea-Water, nourished great Numbers of Fish. From the Ships sides there jutted out, at a proper Distance from each other, several Beams, whereon were made Places for keeping Wood, as also Ovens, Kitchens, Mills, and other necessary Offices; each of which Beams was supported on the outside by a carved Image of nine Feet high: And the whole Ship was very handsomly painted. It was also furnished with eight wooden Towers, two in the Forecastle, two in the Poop, and the rest in the Midships: From each of which there jutted out two Beams, whereon was raised a Breast-work, full of Loop-holes, from whence an Enemy might be annoyed with Stones. Each Tower was full of those, and other missive Weapons, and constantly guarded by four Soldiers compleatly armed, with two Archers. On this upper Deck there was also raised a Stage, with a Breast-work round it, whereon was placed a Machine invented by *Archimedes*, which would sling Stones of three hundred Pound Weight, and Darts of eighteen Feet long, to the Distance of a hundred and twenty Paces; round which Machine were hung, by Chains of Brass, a kind of Curtains, composed of large Cables, for its Security. The Ship

was furnished with three Masts, and each of them with two Engines for throwing Stones, from whence also large Iron Hooks, and Dolphins of Lead were to be flung into an Enemy's Ship. It was also fortified with an Iron Palissade all round, to prevent an Enemy's boarding, and had grappling Irons in a Readiness in all Quarters wherewith to seize, and bring to, such hostile Vessels as it might be engaged with. Sixty Soldiers, compleatly armed, kept continual Guard on each side of the Ship, and as many at each of the Masts, and their respective Engines. Their Round-tops were of Brass, wherein was constant Watch kept, by three Men in the Main-Top, and two in each of the other, to whom, in case of Action, Stones were to be conveyed in Baskets by the help of certain Tackle for that purpose, and they were to be supplied with Darts and Arrows by Boys appointed to that Service. The Fore and Mizen-Masts were without Difficulty procured in *Sicily*, but a Main-Mast of proper Dimensions was hard to be got, till at length one was found in the Mountains of *Britain*, which was brought down to the Sea by *Phileas*, an Engineer of *Tauromenium*. The Ship was furnished with four Anchors of Wood, and eight of Iron. And tho' it was of so vast a Depth, its Pump, by a Device of *Archimedes's*, was managed by one Man. She was at first called the *Syracuse*, but when *Hieron* thought fit to send her to *Ptolemy*, he named her the *Alexandria*. She had several Tenders to accompany her, one whereof was a Gally called the *Cercurus*, and the rest Fisher-boats, and other small Vessels. Her whole Company consisted of an immense Multitude, there being in the Forecastle alone six hundred Seamen, always in Readiness to execute such Orders as should be given; and the Power of punishing all Faults and Misdemeanours done on board her was committed to the Captain, Master, and Master's Mate, who gave Sentence according to the Laws of *Syracuse*. There were put on board her sixty thousand Bushels of Corn; ten thousand Barrels of Salt-Fish, twenty thousand Barrels of Fleth, and as many Bales of Goods and Necessaries, besides all the Provisions for her Company. But at length *Hieron* finding that all his Harbours were either very dangerous for a Ship of so vast a Burthen, or else not capable at all to receive her, (as 'tis reasonable to believe not any of them were) he came to a Resolution of presenting her to *Ptolemy*, King of *Aegypt*, as hath been before observed, to whom she was accordingly sent, being rowed in Safety to *Alexandria*. This *Ptolemy*, surnamed *Philopator*, was, as *Athenæus* also tells us, already possessed of two Ships of extraordinary Dimensions of his own building, one of which had forty Tire of Oars, and was four hundred and twenty Feet in length, and in breadth fifty seven: Its height from the Keel to the Bulk-head of the Forecastle was seventy two Feet, and to the Poop Lanthorn seventy nine and a half. When the King made an Experiment of her Sailing, she carried above four thousand Rowers, four hundred Seamen, and two thousand eight hundred and fifty marine Soldiers, besides a great Number of other People between Decks, with a vast Quantity of Provisions. The other was a Ship he built

The extraordinary Dimensions of two Ships of Ptolemy Philopator, King of Aegypt.

to take his Pleasure in on the *Nile*, which was three hundred Feet in length, and forty five in breadth, and the height of the Stern was fifty eight Feet and a half. She was of a Built different both from a Gally and a Ship of Burthen, being peculiarly formed for the River, with a broad flat bottom, and was furnished with several fine Apartments and beautiful Ornaments fuitable to the Magnificence of the *Egyptian* Kings; for a more particular Description whereof, I refer the curious Reader to the forementioned Author, and return to the Prosecution of the *Roman* Story.

Sicily reduced to a Roman Province.

Syracuse being taken, in the manner we have related, all other Cities of *Sicily* presently surrender'd to the *Romans*, and the whole Island was now reduced into the Form of a Province; when *Marcellus* returning to *Rome*, he celebrated both a Triumph and an Ovation, the first for his Victories obtained over the *Carthaginians*, and expelling them out of *Sicily*, the latter for having brought that Island to Obedience.

Philip of Macedon enters into a Treaty with Hannibal.

After the fatal Battel at *Canna*, wherein the *Romans* received so entire a Defeat, and lost seventy thousand Men, *Philip*, King of *Macedon*, hoping to take Advantage of their Misfortune, entered into a Treaty of Alliance with *Hannibal*, engaging to assist him with his whole Force to conquer *Italy*. His Ambassadors who were sent on this Errand happened to be intercepted by a Squadron of *Roman* Ships which were cruising on the Coast of *Calabria*; and *M. Valerius*, who was Admiral and Commander in chief of the Fleet, made such a good Disposition thereof in all Parts, that the *Macedonian* could not bring his Designs to take effect. For altho' *Philip*, in Execution of his Treaty, did put to Sea with a Fleet of three hundred Sail of small Ships, and Transports with Troops on board, he advanced no farther than *Apollonia*, into which Place the *Roman* Prætor having thrown a timely Reinforcement of Men, the Inhabitants made so successful a Sally on the *Macedonians* who lay before the Place, that they forced them to retire with the utmost Precipitation; the King himself, who with much Difficulty escaped, making the best of his way to *Macedonia* by Land, having first set fire to all his Ships. The *Romans*, to prevent any more Disturbance from that Quarter, and to find him Diversion at home, made an Alliance with the *Ætolians* jointly to carry on the War against him; to which Purpose the Consul *Levinus* repairing with a Fleet to *Coryra*, sailed thence and reduced the Island *Zacynthus*, and taking also *OEnias* and *Naxus* from the *Acarnerians*, *Philip's* Allies, sequester'd them in the Hands of the *Ætolians*. This War was very successful in the Beginning, but the *Romans* abating by degrees in the vigorous Prosecution thereof, *Philip* and the *Ætolians* made a separate Peace, nor could all the Endeavours of the Proconsul *Tuditianus*, who arrived presently after with a Fleet of thirty five Gallies, make it void: But *Philip* soon after signifying his Desires to come to an Accommodation with the *Romans*, at length, by the Mediation of the *Epirotes*, a Treaty of Peace was concluded between them at *Phœnice*.

Philip forced to retire from Apollonia.

The Romans make an Alliance with the Ætolians, and take Zacynthus, &c. & Zante.

Philip and the Ætolians make a separate Peace; as

Philip soon after did with the Romans.

While *Marcellus*, after he had gained the Battel at ^f *Numistrum*, was driving *Hannibal* from Place to Place, the *Carthaginians* left no Stone unturned in order to make themselves Masters of the Citadel of *Tarentum*, having already possessed themselves of the Town; but *Livius*, who held that Fortrefs for the *Romans*, was in no pain for any thing they could do, provided he were but supplied with Provisions. This both Parties knew, and were equally diligent the one to perform, and the other to prevent; so that both their Fleets happening to meet, which were pretty equal in Strength, they engaged with such Fury, that presently coming Broadside to Broadside, the Men fought Hand to Hand as if they had been on shore. The two Admiral-Gallies happened to fall together, in one of which was *Quintius* the *Roman* Admiral, and in the other *Nicom*, a *Tarentine*, who commanded for the *Carthaginians*. These maintained the Fight with incredible Fury on both sides, but at length *Quintius* being slain by *Nicom*, as he was exhorting his People bravely to do their Duty, the *Roman* Courage began thereupon to droop; whereas, on the other hand, the *Carthaginians*, encouraged by that Success, renewed the Charge with such Fury, that they took, sunk, or drew ashore almost all the *Roman* Gallies. The Ships laden with Provisions for the Garrison at *Tarentum*, hovering in the mean time at a Distance, and seeing the Day lost, timely secured themselves by getting off to Sea, and escaped into the nearest Ports they could make which were in the Hands of the *Romans*: And *Livius*, the Governor of *Tarentum*, soon after retaliated the Loss of the *Roman* Gallies on the Besiegers.

^f Nicastrum in the further Calabria.

A Sea-Fight between the Romans and Carthaginians.

The Roman Fleet destroyed.

About the same time *M. Valerius Messala*, another *Roman* Admiral, with a Fleet of fifty Gallies, made a Descent in *Africk*, not far from *Utica*, and marching up into the Country without Resistance, brought aboard a vast Booty, with a great Number of Prisoners, who informing him that the Enemy had assembled a very numerous Army to be transported into *Spain*, and thence to pass into *Italy*, he dispatched Advice thereof to the Senate, and took such prudent Measures as utterly defeated the Enemy's Designs.

The Romans make a Descent in Africa.

Claudius Nero, the Pro-Prætor, who had been just before sent to *Spain* with twelve thousand Foot and a thousand Horse, embarked on board fifty Gallies of five Tire of Oars, and having landed the Troops, he invested *New-Carthage* on the Land-side, and, with the Assistance of the Fleet, presently made himself Master of the Place by Storm, wherein he found such a vast Booty as enriched the whole Army: And in the Harbour were taken no less than a hundred and fourteen Merchant-Ships, with all their Cargoes. There was a great Contention between two private Men, one a Soldier, the other a Seaman, for the Reward of a mural Crown, each alledging he had first scaled the Wall, insomuch that the Decision thereof was brought before *Scipio*, who contented both, by allowing that each of them mounted the Wall at the same time, and bestowed both on the one and the other a mural Crown, (the Recompence among the *Romans* for such Services) which was a Circle of Gold, with some-

^f Carthage
The Romans take New-Carthage.

A Contention between two private Men

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A second
Descent in
Africa.
" Castle Gal-
lipa.

The Carthagi-
nians beaten
at Sea.

Lævinus ra-
vages the
Country a-
bout Utica,

and
beats the Car-
thaginians at
Sea.

Not long after *M. Valerius* sailed over again to *Africa* with a hundred Gallies, and landing near "*Clupea*, plundered all the adjacent Country; when eighty three belonging to *Carthage* appearing on the Coasts, he got his People on board with all Diligence, and charged them with such Fury, that he took eighteen, sunk several, the rest, with difficulty, escaping the same Fate. Next Year *Lævinus* the Pro-consul, Admiral of the *Roman Fleet*, making a Descent in the Territory of *Utica*, ravaged the open Country up to the Gates of that City, and having advanced almost to *Carthage*, returned victoriously on board with his Spoils. In his way home he fell in with seventy *Carthaginian* Gallies, and engaging them, sunk four, took seventeen, and put the rest to flight; when going on to *Lilybaeum*, he repaired from thence to *Rome* with a great Convoy of Corn, without so much as meeting with one Ship of the Enemy's in his Passage.

Young Scipio
prepares for
Africa.

Young *Scipio*, the Son of *Publius Scipio*, who was killed in *Spain*, being now made Consul, was wholly bent on carrying the the War into *Africk*; but it was with Difficulty the Senate came into this, nor did they allow him more than thirty Vessels of War for his Expedition. However, he asked leave to raise Volunteers, and receive what Contributions he could procure toward fitting out a Fleet suitable to his Project; which being granted, most of the young Gentlemen of *Rome* disposed themselves to follow his Fortunes; and the *Roman Allies* furnishing him with Seamen, Sails, Cordage, and Provisions, and being permitted to fell Timber in the publick Forests, he used such wonderful Dispatch, that in five and forty Days after they were taken in hand, his Ships were compleatly built, rigged, and in Condition for Sea-Service. The News of these Preparations very much alarmed the *Carthaginians*, who were already sensibly afflicted for the Loss of eighty Ships, laden with Corn and other Provisions, going to *Hannibal* to enable him to carry on the War in *Italy*, which were all taken by *C. Octavius* off of *Sardinia*.

" Cape Bona.

He lands in
Africa, and
beats the Car-
thaginian
Horse.

Scipio made *Sicily* the chief Seat of his Preparations, from whence when he was almost ready to proceed, he detached *Lælius* with the old Fleet of thirty Sail over to the Coast of *Africa* to learn the Posture of the Enemy, upon whose Return he made sail from *Lilybaeum* with his whole Force, consisting of an Army of five and thirty thousand Men, and a Fleet of fifty two Gallies, four hundred Ships of Burthen, and many other Vessels of different sorts. Passing over in Safety, he landed his Troops at the "*Fair-Promontory* in very good order, and at the first Appearance of his Fleet the People on the Coast were so dismayed, that they all retired up into the Country; nay at *Carthage* itself the Alarm was so great, that the Gates were shut, and the Citizens mounted the Ramparts. As soon as they were a little recovered from their Surprize, they sent out five hundred Horse to view the Enemy, against which *Scipio* detached a Party of his Cavalry which cut them to pieces; and then giving

Lælius

Lælius Orders to repair with the Fleet to *Utica*, he advanced thither himself with the Army; where he was joined by *Massaniffa* King of *Numidia*, whom *Syphax* had dispossessed of that Kingdom. joined by King Massaniffa.

The *Carthaginians*, being joined by *Syphax*, had by this time increased their Forces to eighty thousand Foot, and thirteen thousand Horse, upon Advice of which *Scipio* not only made a Shew as if he were disposed to hearken to the Cessation of Arms which the Enemy had proposed, but entered on a Treaty for that Purpose, sending with his Commissioners some of his ablest Soldiers, in the Habit of Slaves, to view the Camp. His Curiosity being thus satisfied, he broke off the Treaty, and suddenly set Fire to their Coverings of Mats, Reeds, dry Boughs, and the like; which they not suspecting, but thinking it came by Accident, were cut in pieces in the midst of the Hurry, and Confusion, to the Number of forty thousand Men, and six thousand were taken Prisoners. This News coming to *Carthage*, they immediately dispatched Orders to *Hannibal* to abandon all his Projects in *Italy*, and repair to the Relief of his native Country; and getting together another Army, they joined Battel again with *Scipio*, but lost ten thousand Men, and failed in their Design of raising the Siege of *Utica*. Indeed *Scipio* advancing with Part of his Troops to take Possession of *Tunes*, the *Carthaginians* seized six of his Gallies; and soon after they raised a third Army as numerous as either of the former, but that was defeated by *Lælius* and *Massaniffa*, while *Scipio* lay before *Utica*. In this Battel *Syphax* being taken, he was sent Prisoner to *Rome*, and soon after the *Carthaginians* obtained a Suspension of Arms, in order to a Treaty of Peace; but a Fleet of thirty Gallies, and two hundred Ships of Burthen, that were coming to *Africk* under *C. Octavius*, and were separated by a Storm, being plundered by the *Carthaginians*, and they having also ill used the Ambassadour, *Scipio* sent to complain of this Proceeding; and these Conferences were soon broken off. Hannibal overcome, and returns to Carthage. Scipio bears the Carthaginians. * Tunis. The Carthaginians beaten a third time. The Treaty of Peace broken off.

The Government of *Africk* being continued in *Scipio*, in quality of Proconsul, he had the Honour, not long after, of defeating *Hannibal* himself in an obstinate and bloody Battel, wherein the *Carthaginians* had twenty thousand Men slain, and as many taken Prisoners, whereupon *Hannibal* persuaded his Countrymen to beg Peace; and Ambassadors being immediately dispatched to *Rome* for that purpose, the People empowered *Scipio* and ten others to conclude the same, which was at last agreed to upon these Articles; " First, that the *Carthaginians* should enjoy all their Territories in *Africk*, but " that the *Romans* should hold *Spain*, with all the Islands of the *Mediterranean*. Secondly, that all Rebels and Deserters should " be delivered up to the *Romans*. Thirdly, that the *Carthaginians* " should give up all their Ships of War, except ten Gallies of three " Tirc of Oars, with all their Elephants, and tame no more. " Fourthly, that it should not be lawful for them to make War out " of *Africk*, nor even within it, without leave from *Rome*. Fifthly, " that they should restore to *Massaniffa* all that had been taken " from him. Sixthly, that they should find Money and Corn for " the Scipio beats Hannibal in Africa. Articles of Peace between the Romans and Carthaginians.

“ the *Roman* Troops, till the Ratification of the Treaty should arrive from *Rome*. Seventhly, that they should pay ten thousand *Euboick* Talents of Silver, in equal Proportions of two hundred at a time, in fifty Years: And eighthly, that they should give a hundred Hostages for Performance of these Articles to be such as *Scipio* should make choice of, none of them younger than fourteen, nor elder than thirty Years.” The *Carthaginians*, in Execution of this Treaty, delivering up their Ships, *Scipio* caused them to be carried a little way out to Sea, where, within Sight of *Carthage*, they were all set on Fire, to the Number of five hundred; a Spectacle as dismal to the *Carthaginians* as if their City it self had been in Flames. After this *Scipio* repaired with the Fleet to *Libybeum*, and thence passing over to *Italy*, went on to *Rome*, where he celebrated a magnificent Triumph, and was honoured with the Surname of *Africanus*, being the first of the *Romans*, who received a Title from the Nation he had conquered. Thus ended the second *Punick* War in the Year of the World 3750, and from the building of *Rome* 553.

The Fleet of Carthage burnt.

C H A P. XV.

Of the Naval Wars of the Romans from the End of the second Punick War to the Beginning of the first Triumvirate.

The War with Philip King of Macedon.

THE *Romans*, by the happy Conclusion of this War, were now a little at leisure to hearken to the *Aetolians*, who complained of King *Philip* of *Macedon's* perfidious Dealings since their late Treaty with him, against whose Encroachments the *Athenians*, and most of the People of *Greece*, did also at the same time prefer Complaints; whereupon a Fleet, with a sufficient Number of Land Forces, were presently dispatched to their Relief; by whose Valour the Tyrant, after several Defeats, was compelled to restore all *Greece* to their ancient Liberties, and obliged to pay an annual Tribute to the Conqueror.

Philip defeated.

The War with Antiochus King of Syria.

Hannibal, just as the late Treaty between *Rome* and *Carthage* was on the point of concluding, withdrew out of *Africa*, (being jealous the *Romans* would make the Delivery up of his Person a new Demand on his Countrymen) and applied himself to *Antiochus* King of *Syria*, who at this time was making great Preparations against the People of *Rome*. *Acilius Glabrio* was first sent to oppose him, and had the Fortune to give him several Defeats; when *Cornelius Scipio*, the *Roman* Admiral, engaging with his Forces at Sea, under the Command of *Hannibal*, entirely ruined the Fleet; which, Victory being immediately followed by another as signal at Land, the effeminate Prince was contented to purchase a Peace at the Price

Antiochus's Fleet beaten. A. M. 3754.

of almost half his Kingdom. By one of the Articles of the Treaty, it was provided, that he should deliver up all his Ships of War, with their Rigging and Naval Stores; that he should not possess above ten covered Ships, nor those to have more than thirty Oars apiece, and that he should not, on any Occasion, navigate on this side the Promontory * *Calycadnus*, unless it were to send a Vessel either with the Tribute he was to pay, or Ambassadors, or Hostages, to *Rome*.

* *The Cape near which Scallimute in Natolia stands about sixty Leagues wide of Scanderon.*
The War with Perseus, King of Macedonia;
and

The victorious *Romans* had scarce concluded their publick Rejoycings on Account of the late Success, when the Death of King *Philip* of *Macedon* presented them with an Occasion of a more glorious Triumph, whose Son, *Perseus*, succeeding, resolved to break with the Senate, and apply'd himself wholly to the raising Forces, and procuring other Necessaries for a War. Never were greater appearances in the Field than on both sides, most of the considerable Princes of the World being engaged in the Quarrel; But Fortune still declaring for the *Romans*, the greatest Part of *Perseus's* prodigious Army was cut off by the Consul *Paulus Æmylius*, and the King obliged to surrender himself into the Hands of the Conqueror. The Consul having settled *Macedonia* as a *Roman* Province, and dismantled some Cities of *Epirus*, embarked on board a Ship that belonged to *Perseus*, of an extraordinary Magnitude, having no less than sixteen Tire of Oars, with which, loaden with the Spoils of *Macedonia*, he put to Sea, and in few Days arrived at *Rome*, where he was received with the greatest Demonstrations of Joy, and celebrated a splendid Triumph, wherein *Perseus*, and the Princes his Children, walked in Chains before his Chariot.

the Reduction of that Kingdom to a Roman Province.
 A. M. 3781.

But *Rome* could not think her self secure, amidst all these Conquests, while her old Rival *Carthage* was yet standing; so that a Pre-
 tence was soon found to begin the third *Carthaginian* War, which was their being in Arms against *Massanissa*, an Ally of the *Romans*, though they had therein sufficient Justice on their side: And War being accordingly proclaimed, both the Consuls were sent with a full Resolution utterly to destroy the City. The *Carthaginians* affrighted at the *Romans* Preparations, immediately condemned those that had broken the League, and most humbly offered any reasonable Satisfaction; but Answer was returned them that they should enjoy all as formerly, provided they sent three hundred Hostages of the chief of the City within thirty Days to *Sicily*, and complied with what the Consuls should further command them. They desiring nothing more than Peace, sent their Children as Hostages within the limited time; and the Consuls landing at *Utica* soon after, they dispatched Commissioners to wait on them, and know their Pleasure. *Censorinus* commended their Diligence, but demanded all their Arms, which, without any Fraud, were delivered up; and now these unhappy People imploring Mercy, with many Tears, and all humble Submission, desired to know their last Doom. The Consuls told them they must quit their City, for that they had special Orders to level it with the Ground, but that they might build another any where within their own Territories, so that it were not within ten Miles of the Sea, which severe Command they received with all the

The third Punic War.

The Consuls sent to destroy Carthage.

Concern

The Carthaginians enraged at the Demands of the Romans.

Concern and Rage of a despairing People, and resolved rather to abide the utmost Extremities than abandon, or yield to the Ruin of their ancient Seat and Habitation.

The Consuls were very backward in opening the War, as not doubting but to make themselves easily Masters of the City, now in this naked and defenceless Condition; but they found themselves mightily disappointed; for the Inhabitants, animated with a Spirit of Rage and Fury, prepared for the most obstinate Resistance, both Men and Women working Day and Night in making of Arms. Where Iron and Brass were wanting they made use of Gold and Silver; and the Women parted with their Hair to supply the want of Tow or Flax. They made *Asdrubal* their General, who had already in the Field a good Army, and when the Consuls opened the Siege, they met with such notable Resistance as greatly discouraged them, and increased the Resolution of the Besieged. *Martius* commanded the Fleet, and *Manlius* the Land Forces that were employed before the Place. The Carthaginians, in a vigorous Sally, were near making themselves Masters of *Manlius's* Camp, but were at length repulsed by the singular Courage and Bravery of *Scipio*, the Grandson, by Adoption, of him that conquered *Hannibal*, who was then only a Tribune in the Army. As *Martius's* Fleet lay at Anchor off the Town, the Besieged filled a number of Boats with Faggots, and other combustible Stuff, and when the Land Breeze came up, set them on Fire, and sent them among the Roman Ships, most part of which they destroyed.

See Part of the Roman Fleet set on Fire.

The following Year *Calpurnius Piso* was sent to command the Land Forces, and *L. Mancinus* at Sea, who endeavouring to take in *Hippargetes*, a Town between *Carthage* and *Utica*, was twice defeated, and forced to retire to *Utica*; which News the Romans received with great Concern, and the before named *Scipio*, then petitioning for the Office of *Ædile* was chosen Consul, tho' under Age, and had the War of *Africa* committed to him. He, arriving at *Utica*, received the Charge of the Fleet from *L. Mancinus*, whom he sent back to *Rome*, and finding it impossible to reduce *Carthage* but by Famine, he made strong Lines of Circumvallation and Contravallation on the Land side to cut off its Communication that way, and the Harbour being on the west side of the City, which was situate on a Neck of Land jutting into the Sea, he resolved also to prevent the passing of their Ships to and from thence, by building a Causeway from the Continent to the Point of the Neck of Land, which he effected with great Expedition, making it ninety six Feet broad at Bottom, and twenty four at the Top. The Besieged looked at first with great Contempt on this Design, as thinking it impracticable, but finding it far advanced, they were under a terrible Consternation; and, with prodigious Labour and Diligence (the Women and Children assisting in the Work) they dug another Harbour on the East side of the City; and with the Materials of their old Ships, they, with wonderful Celerity, built fifty Gallies of three Tire of Oars, some of five, and several other Vessels of different Kinds, amounting in all to a hundred and twenty, and this with so

The Romans twice defeated.

Scipio endeavours to reduce *Carthage* by Famine.

The Carthaginians build a Fleet with great Expedition.

much Secrecy that the Besiegers were not in the least apprized thereof. When the Port was opened, and the Fleet failed out, it struck such a Terror among the *Romans*, that if the *Carthaginians* had attacked them, they had probably destroyed their whole Fleet; but it being in Fate that *Carthage* should be taken; they contented themselves with only sailing out, and returning into the Port. The *Romans* had now not only Notice, but Time to prepare for an Engagement, which they did for three Days together; when the *Carthaginians* again failed out of the Port, and came to a Battel with them. At first the light Vessels of the *Carthaginians*, by their sudden attacking and retreating again, extremely annoyed the Enemies Gallies that were not so nimble; but at length Fortune began to declare for the *Romans*, and the others retreated with such Precipitation, that the light Vessels getting soonest to the Mouth of the Harbour, so crowded it that there was no Entrance for the Gallies; upon which the Battel began again, and lasted with great Obstinacy till late at Night, when the *Carthaginians* at length got into the Harbour with most of their Ships, leaving some in the Hands of the *Romans*. The next Day *Scipio*, with several Machines, made an Assault at the Quarter of the City called *Cotbon*, and that with such Success as to demolish good Part of the Wall; and, in few Days after, marching in at the Breach, took Possession there. He then set Fire to the City in three Places, but the Besieged, notwithstanding, disputing every Inch of Ground with incredible Obstinacy, it was six Days before he had reduced the whole. Those who were in the the *Byrsa*, or Citadel, surrendered to him, on Promise of their Lives; of which Number was *Asdrubal* himself; whose Wife hearing he had submitted to ask his Life of the *Romans*, set Fire to the Temple of *Æsculapius*, and first killing her three Childen, leapt with them into the Flames. Then was this magnificent Place laid in Ashes, being four and twenty Miles in Compass; nay so large it was that the burning of it continued seventeen Days; and this was the fatal End of one of the most renowned Cities of the World, both for Command and Riches, and of the third and last *Punic War*, which happened in the fourth Year after it began, being the 607th Year of the City of *Rome*, and of the World 3804.

The Carthaginian Fleet beaten.

Carthage taken and destroyed by Scipio.

A. M. 3804.

The Destruction of *Carthage* was presently followed by that of *Corinth*, and the Dissolution of the Republick of *Achaia*: And not long after ^a*Numantia* was taken and razed, a flourishing City of *Spain*: However this did not deter the People of the *Baleares* Islands from drawing upon themselves the Anger of the *Romans*, by their Piratical Depredations on the adjacent Seas, which they infested for a considerable time, plundering all Ships passing that way. When they descri'd the *Roman* Fleet advancing toward them, they, in Hopes of a great Booty, charged them at first very vigorously, throwing vast Numbers of Stones amongst them with their Slings, in the Use of which they were remarkably dextrous: But when they came to be more closely engaged, and felt the Smart of the *Roman* Javelins, and that the Beaks of their Gallies were amongst them, they fled to their Coves and lurking Places with the utmost Precipitation,

A. M. 3818.
^a*Soria in Old Castile.*

The Pirates of the Baleares reduced by the Romans; as were those of Cilicia.

tion, putting the *Romans* to the trouble of searching them out; and they were, at length, totally subdued by *Q. Metellus*, who commanding on this Expedition, was honoured with the Surname of *Balearius*: Nor was it long e'er *M. Anthonius*, in Quality of Pro-Prætor, subdued the Pirates of *Cilicia* that infested the Seas, who returning to *Rome* celebrated an Ovation.

The Mithridatic War.

About this time *Mithridates*, King of *Pontus*, became very formidable; for having conquered the *Scythians*, and made himself Master of *Cappadocia*, *Paphlagonia* and *Galatia*, he began to think himself a Match for the *Roman* Power, who, by their Ambassadors, demanded that he should quit *Paphlagonia*, and restore it to its former Condition. Soon after a War began between *Mithridates* and *Nicomedes*, King of *Bithynia*, for the Province of *Cappadocia*, wherein the *Romans* assisted the latter, and *Tigranes* King of *Armenia* the former. In the first Battel the *Romans* and *Nicomedes* received a notable Defeat, and lost *Phrygia* and *Mysia* to the Conqueror, who caused a general Massacre to be made of all the People of *Rome* throughout the lesser *Asia*. The *Rhodians* were the only People that spared them, which they not only did with great Generosity, but armed their Fleet for the Protection of those that had fled thither, among whom was *L. Cassius* the Proconsul of *Asia*. *Mithridates* repairing with his Navy to *Rhodes*, they put out to Sea to receive him, but he being considerably more numerous, and attempting to surround them, they retired again into the Port, whereupon he invested the Place, but the *Rhodians* being encouraged by two or three successful Sallies, determined to hazard a Naval Battel, under the Conduct of *Damagoras*. Their Success was equal to their Resolution, for coming to an Engagement, they boarded, and kept Possession for some time of *Mithridates's* own Gally, of five Tire of Oars, and having sunk and disabled several, retreated with one of three Tire into the Harbour. The next Day a violent Storm forced *Mithridates's* Ships ashore against the Rocks, and Walls of the Town, some of which the *Rhodians* took, some they sunk, and others they set fire to, taking four thousand Prisoners. The Besieged fancied the Goddess *Isis* interposed in their Favour; for that *Mithridates* having caused a large Machine, in Form of a Tower, to be raised upon the Decks of two Gallies joined together, and placed the same against the Walls near the Temple of *Isis*, from which terrible Execution was done by numerous Darts, Arrows, and other missive Weapons, at length, all of a sudden, without receiving any Damage from the *Rhodians*, it fell to pieces, whereupon *Mithridates* raised the Siege, and retired to *Patara*.

The Romans beaten and massacred.

Mithridates goes with his Fleet against Rhodes.

The Rhodians overcome Mithridates at Sea.

Mithridates raises the Siege of Rhodes. Delos taken by Mithridates.

The Romans beat his Fleet off Eubœa.

Soon after, by his Admiral *Archelaus*, he took the Island *Delos*, together with a considerable Number of Ships belonging to the Place, and an immense Sum of Money consecrated to sacred Uses, whereby *Critias*, for his Service therein, acquired such a Share of the King's Favour, that he obtained the supreme Government of *Athens*. The *Achaens*, *Lacedæmonians* and *Bœotians* all submitted to *Mithridates*: but off of *Eubœa*, his Fleet, under the Command of *Metrotrophanes*, was defeated by *Brutius Surra*, Lieutenant to *Sentius*, Prætor

Prætor of Macedonia. In the mean time *Sylla* was sent from *Rome* with an Army to carry on the War against him, who now having expelled from their Dominions the Kings of *Bithynia* and *Paphlagonia*, Allies of the *Romans*, took up his Residence at *Pergamus*, while one of his Sons of the same Name ruled *Pontus*, and the *Thracian Bosphorus*, and *Ariarathes*, another Son, was subduing *Thrace* and *Macedonia* with a great Army; and his Admiral *Archelaus* ranged the Seas with a considerable Fleet, with which he reduced the *Cyclades* to his Obedience, together with the Islands ^c *Cythera* and ^d *Eubœa*; and as all the maritime Places from *Athens* to *Thessaly*, through the Influence of the *Athenians*, revolted to him, so was *Brutius* also defeated by Land, and forced to abandon his Camp.

The Cyclades, &c. are reduced by Mithridates.
^c *Cerigo.*
^d *Negroponte.*

This was the State of Affairs in *Asia* and *Greece* when *Sylla* came out on this Expedition, who meeting with *Archelaus* at the River *Cephisus* in *Bœotia*, obtained an entire Victory over him, and thereupon consecrated a Trophy to *Mars*, *Venus* and *Victoria*, when advancing against *Dorilaus*, another General of the Enemies, he engaged him with like Success; and gathering together the useleſs Arms and Machines that were left in the Field of Battel, and the Enemies Camp, caused a Pile to be made of them, to which he set fire with his own Hand, devoting them to the infernal Gods and *Mars*. While *Sylla* was thus successful abroad, he met with but ill Treatment at Home, being, by the Faction of *Marius*, adjudged an Enemy to the *Roman* People, who razed his House, confiscated all his Effects, and sent the Consul *Valerius Flaccus* to succeed him in the Management of the *Mithridatick* War. Notwithstanding this, *Sylla* retained the greatest Part of the Army with him, and passing over to *Asia* forced *Mithridates* to sue for a Peace, which he granted him on these Conditions; that the Forces under *Archelaus* should be delivered up to the *Romans*, and all Prisoners of War and Deserters restored to them; that his Troops should evacuate all the Towns in *Asia* which had been in Possession of the *Romans*, and that he should enjoy only his hereditary Kingdom of *Pontus*, entirely abandoning *Pamphylia*, *Bithynia*, *Nicomedia* and *Cappadocia*; that he should pay down two thousand Talents, and deliver up his whole Fleet, which consisted of seventy Gallies.

Sylla beats Archelaus and Douilaus.

Sylla adjudged an Enemy to Rome, but forces Mithridates to sue for Peace.

Articles of Peace between the Romans and Mithridates.

In this manner was the *Mithridatick* War laid asleep for a short time: And *Sylla*, leaving only two Legions in *Asia*, advanced with the rest of his victorious Army towards *Italy*, that he might prosecute his Resentments against the opposite Faction there, and carry on the Civil War. *L. Murena*, whom he left in *Asia*, being greatly ambitious of the Honour of a Triumph, laid siege to *Comana* the richest City in *Mithridates's* Dominions, who advancing with great Expedition to the Relief of the Place, was defeated, but made up the Rupture again in the Terms of the former Treaty. This was called the second *Mithridatick* War; and the third fell out soon after, occasioned by the same *L. Murena*, who entered with his Troops into *Cappadocia*, under Pretence of assisting *Ariobarzanes*, King of that Country, he having complained of the Devastation of his Territories by the Enemy. *Mithridates*, that he might be the more

A. M 3868

The Operations of the second and third Mithridatick Wars.

Mithridates
leagues with
Sertorius.

able to deal with the *Romans*, made a League with *Sertorius*, who had seized on *Spain*, that so his Enemies might find Diversion in the West, while he was making his utmost Efforts in the East.

c Yrica.

The Strength
of the Pirates
of Cilicia.

Sertorius was an experienced Officer, who had passed through several of the most considerable Employments, and flying from the Cruelties which *Sylla* exercised in *Italy*, escaped to *Africk*, whence passing into *Spain*, he maintained the War there for some time; but being at length expelled thence, joined himself to the Pirates of *Cilicia*, who at this time very much infested all Parts of the Mediterranean, and by their Assistance made himself Master of the Island

d Straights of
Gibraltar.
e Guadilquivir.

^c *Pityusa*, forcing from thence the *Roman* Garrison under *Mannius*. Several Sea-Port Towns, and many Islands fell into the Hands of these Pirates, and great Numbers of People, invited by the Hopes of rich Plunder, joined with them against the *Romans*, so that at length they possessed no less than forty Cities, and their Fleet consisted of above a thousand Sail, which were skilfully disposed of in Squadrons in the most convenient Stations, and Naval Magazines erected in several Places. They took two *Roman* Prætors, and *Julius Caesar*, then a youth, fell into their Hands, as he was going to *Rhodes* to prosecute his Studies, as did several other Persons also of the most considerable Quality: Nor through the whole Mediterranean Sea, from *Gades* to *Syria*, or the *Hellepont*, was there a Place free from their Depredations. *Sertorius* did not long keep Possession of *Pityusa*, being defeated in an Engagement at Sea by *C. Annius*, and daring not to trust himself on any of the neighbouring Coasts, he was tossed about on the Sea for some Days, till at length passing through the

f People of
Fca.

g Portuguese.

h Tariff in
the Straights
of Gibraltar.

Sertorius
beats Cotta,
&c. by Sea.

^d Straights of *Gades*, he landed in the furthest Parts of *Spain*, where the ^e *Bætis* falls into the Ocean, and there meeting with some Sailors, who told him fine Stories of the Fruitfulness and agreeable Climate of two Islands in the *Atlantic* Ocean, (probably the *Maderas*) he was very much inclined to quit his tumultuary warlike Life, and retire thither to spend the rest of his Days in Peace. But hearing the *Cilician* Pirates, who had now detected his Interests, had attacked the ^f *Maurusians*, he crossed over to their Assistance, where he had no sooner settled their Affairs, but the ^g *Lusitanians*, by their Ambassadors, desired his Presence in *Spain*. Returning thither, he defeated *Cotta* in a Sea-Fight near ^h *Mellaria*, as he soon after did on shore *Phidias* the Prætor, killing two thousand of his Men, overthrowing also *Metellus* himself, and his Lieutenant *Aquilus*, whom the Senate had sent against him. They then committed that War to *Pompey*, but had nevertheless gone near to have lost the whole Country, if *Lucullus*, having in view the Command of the Forces against *Mithridates*, had not taken more than ordinary Care, in causing Supplies of Money to be sent to *Pompey* for Payment of the Troops, fearing, if he returned to *Rome*, he might, by his Interest with the People, supplant him in his intended Expedition. *Sertorius* had already, as we have observed, made a League with *Mithridates*, and was about to put in Execution the great Projects concerted between them, when the

Roman

Roman Generals procured him to be taken off by one of his own Party, who stabbed him as he was at Supper.

Sertorius
murdered.
A. M. 3877

Mithridates being ignorant of what had happened to his Ally, and resolving on some notable Expedition, sacrificed, according to the Religion of his Country, a white Horse to *Jupiter* the Warrior, and threw a Chariot into the Sea, as sacred to *Neptune*; which done, he marched into *Paphlagonia*, and invaded *Bithynia*; *Cotta* the Roman Prætor retiring before him, whom he pursued to *Chalcedon*, and defeated him, killing three thousand of his Men under the Walls of that City. Breaking the Boom the Romans had laid cross the Mouth of the Harbour, his Fleet entered, and burnt sixty of their Ships, with ten beaked Gallies which the People of *Cyzicus* had sent to their Assistance. From thence he went on to *Cyzicus*, and invested it by Sea and Land; where placing together two large Gallies, he raised a Tower upon them of equal Height with the Walls, which he caused to be mounted by a Number of chosen Men, with design to enter the Town from thence; but being bravely repulsed by the Besieged, was forced to rise from before the Place, whence he proceeded with the Fleet toward the Island ^k *Paros*, sending his Army toward *Lampsacus*, which *Lucullus* coming up with at the River *Granicus*, entirely cut off. Upon Intelligence that thirteen Gallies of the King's were going to *Lemnos*, *Lucullus* immediately went in quest of them, with whom engaging, he slew their Admiral at the first Charge, took the Ship he fought in, and forcing the rest to retire to *Portus Achæorum*, near *Sigæum*, there they all fell into his Hands, together with *Martius* a Roman Officer, whom *Sertorius* had sent to the Enemy. *Mithridates* then leaving an Army of ten thousand Men, and fifty Sail of Ships near *Lampsacus*, made the best of his way to *Pontus* by Sea, but met with such a violent Tempest that he lost no less than forty of his Ships, and with great difficulty escaping in a small Fisher-boat, he, at length, contrary to all Expectation, got safe to *Heraclea*. *Lucullus*, upon his Successes by Sea and Land, dispatched a Gally to *Rome*, adorned with Laurel, in token of his Naval Victory, with Letters to the Senate, giving an Account of his Proceedings, when advancing to *Bithynia*, and from thence to *Pontus*, he fought several times with various Success, but at length, in the midst of his great Designs against the Enemy, was recalled to *Rome*, and *Mithridates*, encouraged by his Removal, fell upon the Roman Officers who were left to command the Troops, whom he defeated, and again reduced all *Cappadocia* to his Obedience.

i Scutari, over against Constantinople.

Mithridates successful against the Romans.

k Pario.

Mithridates his Army cut off by Lucullus, and his Fleet taken.

Mithridate, his Ships lost in a Tempest

Lucullus recalled to Rome, and Mithridates reduces Cappadocia.

Metellus defeats the King at Cydon, and retires to the Island.

While these things were doing in *Asia*, *M. Antonius*, Father of the *Triumvir*, having fought unsuccessfully at Sea with the *Cretans*, in the Interest of *Mithridates*, the Romans sent *Q. Metellus* against those People, who destroyed all their Sea-Force, and laid the Island waste with Fire and Sword. He defeated also *Lalibenes* and *Panarres*, Admirals of *Cydon*, the Capital of *Crete*, which Place he took, together with *Gnosius*, *Lyctus* and *Erythrea*; and having entirely reduced the Island to the Roman Obedience, and settled it in Peace, was honoured with the Sirname of *Creticus*. The before mention'd

M. An.

Antonius de-
feated by the
Pirates of
Cilicia.

Servilius o-
vercomes
them.

The Pirates
grow stronger
at Sea.

¹ Straights of
Gibraltar.

Pompey en-
tirely reduces
them.

^m Sea of Mal-
mora.

ⁿ Straights of
Constanti-
nople.

^o Candelora,
in the Gulf of
Satalia.

M. Antonius, who had been sent some time before this against the Pirates of *Cilicia*, made some ineffectual Attempts against them, in which he was once defeated by them in a Skirmish, and had the Mortification to see his Men who were fallen into their Hands, hung up on the Yard-Arms, and carried in that manner to *Crete*; to succeed whom, the *Romans* sent *P. Servilius* against these Pirates at the Head of a considerable Number of stout Ships, who dispersed and put them to flight in several Engagements, and landing a Body of Troops, attacked their Nests ashore, which were several strong Cities of *Cilicia* and Parts adjacent. He took and destroyed *Phaselis* and *Olympus*, full of their Spoils and Plunder, and also made himself Master of *Isauria*, their capital City, from whence he had the Title of *Isauricus*; which Success of *Servilius* obliged them to quit the Sea for some time, and separate into their several Countries, where they retired to Mountains and inaccessible Places; but not long after, with a great Accession of Strength from all Parts, they covered the Sea with their Fleets.

Hereupon *A. Gabinus* laid a Bill before the People for *Pompey's* having the Government of the Sea from the ¹ Straights of *Gades* to *Syria* and *Pamphylia*, and from *Aegypt* and *Libya* up to the *Euxine*, in order to put an end to the Piratic War; and withal proposed that he might be assisted with fifteen Persons of Senatorian Rank, as his Lieutenants, to be of his own chusing; and that there should be issued to him from the publick Treasury such a Sum of Money as he should think necessary for defraying the Charge of the Expedition. *Pompey* having received this Command from the People, notwithstanding it was violently opposed by the Senate, got his Ships, Men and Provisions ready with incredible Dispatch, the Fleet consisting of two hundred and seventy Sail, and to cut off all Retreat from the Pirates, he made a Disposition of his Officers in this manner. The Coast of *Spain* within the Pillars of *Hercules* he committed to *Tiberius Nero*, and *Manlius Torquatus*; the Seas of *Gaul* and *Liguria* to *M. Pomponius*, and those of *Africk*, *Sardinia*, and *Corfica* to *Lentulus*, *Marcellinus*, and *P. Attilius*. Of the Coast of *Italy*, *L. Gellius* and *Cn. Lentulus* had Charge; and *Plotius* and *Ter. Varro* had the Command of the *Sicilian* and *Ionian* Seas as far as *Acarmania*. *L. Cinna* was stationed on the Seas of *Peloponnesus*, *Attica*, *Eubwa*, *Thessaly*, and *Macedonia*; and to *L. Cullius* his Care was committed the rest of the *Aegean*, with the Islands therein, together with the *Hellepont*. *Bithynia*, *Thrace*, the ^m *Propontis*, and the ⁿ *Bosphorus* were given in Charge to *P. Piso*; and *Lycia*, *Pamphylia*, *Cyprus*, and *Phœnicia* to *Metellus Nepos*. Each of these Officers had under his Command a sufficient Number of Ships; and *Pompey* having with sixty Sail scoured all the West part of the Mediterranean in forty Days, crossed the *Ionian*, and put in at *Athens*, from whence he proceeded to ^o *Coracegium* in *Cilicia*, which he took, with several other strong Holds in those Parts, the Receptracles of the Pirates; who now, unable to make head against a Force wherewith they were attacked in all Parts, and having no Place of Retreat, placed all their Hopes in the *Roman* Clemency, and

and surrendered themselves Prisoners at Discretion to *Pompey*, who extended Mercy to most of them, and planted a considerable Number in *Solè*, a City of *Cilicia*, which had been lately depopulated by *Tigranes*, King of *Armenia*, whence it was called *Pompeiopolis*. In the Space of four Months this War was entirely brought to a Conclusion, in which were taken five hundred large Ships, besides great Numbers of Frigates, and a vast Quantity of Materials for building others was set on fire. For some signal Service which *Ter. Varro*, one of the beforemention'd Officers, performed in this War, *Pompey* honoured him with a Naval Crown, which was of Gold, set round with Figures, resembling the Beaks of Ships, and was the first of this kind, as *Pliny* tells us, that was ever bestowed.

Upon *Pompey's* happy Conclusion of this Business, the *Mithridatick* War was committed to him by Decree of the People, with a Commission to be Captain-General of all the Forces in *Asia*; and he, in pursuance thereof, repaired to *Galatia*, and took upon him the Command of the Army late under *Lucullus*, who, upon his Return to *Rome*, had, in the Triumph he celebrated, amongst the other usual Ornaments of such a Procession, a hundred Pageants resembling beaked Gallies, in Signification of his Successes at Sea: But while *Lucullus*, in his splendid Retirement from publick Affairs, abandoned himself to his Pleasures, *Pompey* drove the Enemy out of *Cappadocia*, entirely routed them in a Battel upon the Banks of the *Euphrates*, forced *Tigranes* to sue for a Peace, and *Mithridates* to dispatch himself, and added *Syria* and *Cilicia* to the *Roman Empire*. In Consideration of *Pharnaces*, Son to *Mithridates*, his Adherence to the *Roman Interest*, he appointed him King of *Pontus*, restored *Cappadocia* to *Ariobarzenes*, and left *Tigranes* in Enjoyment of *Armenia*; which done, he returned to *Rome*, and was received with the joint Acclamations and Applause both of Senate and People; having sent before him to the Mouth of the *Tiber* seven hundred Ships taken from the Enemy. In the Celebration of his Triumph there were a prodigious Number of Wains loaden with Beaks of Ships, before which marched Troops of the captive Pirates, who appeared only to adorn the Procession, being without Chains, and in their own Habits; and these were followed by Representations in Pieces of Painting, exposed to view also in Wains, of the Ships which were taken. *Pliny* has preserved to us the Inscription carried along in this Ceremony, signifying for what Victories it was celebrated; which was this:

The Mithridatick War committed to Pompey. He adds Syria and Cilicia to the Roman Empire.

Year of the World 3886. Of Rome 689.

The manner of Pompey's Triumph.

Orà maritimà à prædonibus liberatà & imperio maris Pop. Romano restituto; ex Asià, Ponto, Armenià, Paphlagonià, Cappadocià, Cilicià, Syrià, Scythis, Judæis, Albanis, Iberià, insulâ Cretâ, Bæsternis, & super hæc de regibus Mithridate atque Tigrane.

For the maritime Coasts being cleared of Pirates,
And

The Dominion of the Sea restored to the Roman People ;

For the Reduction of *Asia*, *Pontus*, *Armenia*,

Paphlagonia, *Cappadocia*, *Cilicia*, *Syria*,

The *Scythians*, *Jews*, ^p *Albanians*,

^q *Iberia*, the Island *Crete*, the *Basterni*,

And

Of the Kings *Mithridates* and *Tigranes*,

This Triumph is celebrated.

^p Scirwan, a
Province of
Persia upon
the Caspian
Sea.

^q Georgia.

^r Tartars of

Oczakow,
and about the
Mouth of the
River Nieper.

Pompey, out of his Share of the Spoils gotten in these Wars,
built a Temple to *Minerva*, the Words of the Dedication whereof,
the same *Pliny* has transmitted to us as they are here set down.

*Cn. Pompeius Magnus Imper. bello XXX. annorum confecto ;
fufis, fugatis, occifis, in deditionem acceptis, hominum vicies se-
mel centenis LXXXIII. M. ; depressis aut captis navibus
DCCCLXVI. ; oppidis, castellis MDXXXVIII. in fidem receptis ;
terris à Meoti lacu ad Rubrum Mare subactis ; votum meritò
Minervæ.*

Cneius Pompey the Great, Captain-General,

Having ended a thirty Year's War,

Routed, put to flight, killed, or taken Prisoners

Two Millions a hundred and eighty three thousand Men,

Sunk or taken eight hundred threescore and six Ships,

Received by Surrender fifteen hundred and thirty eight Towns and Fortresses,

And reduced to Obedience

All the Nations from the Lake of *Meotis* to the Red Sea,

In bounden Duty dedicates this to *Minerva*.

CHAP. XVI.

*Of the Naval Wars of the Romans, from the Beginning
of the first Triumvirate, to the Death of Julius Cæsar.*

Combination
between Pom-
pey, Crassus,
and Julius
Cæsar.

P*ompey*, soon after his Return to *Rome*, entered into a Combi-
nation with *Crassus* and *Julius Cæsar*, to let nothing pass in
the Common-wealth without their joint Approbation. Pursuant to
which Agreement they divided between themselves the best Pro-
vinces of the Empire, in consequence whereof, *Gaul* fell to the
Share of *Cæsar*, who, to bind *Pompey* the more strongly in his In-
terests, gave him his Daughter in Marriage. *Julius Cæsar* had not
long entered upon his Government, than by taking Advantage of
the

the Divisions of the *Gauls*, and, by espousing one Faction against another, making himself Master of both, together with the defeating those who resisted him in several Battels, he had reduced all that Country to his Obedience as far as the Ocean; where the *Veneti*, relying on their considerable Naval Force, and being supported by several other confederated People in those Parts of *Gaul*, opposed themselves to his Conquests, and even with such Success, that it was with much difficulty they were subdued, in the manner we have related in the first Book.

Caesar reduces the Gauls.

a People of Vannes and Parts adjacent in Bretagne.

The People of *Britain* having assisted the *Veneti* in this War, *Caesar* had no sooner settled that Part of *Gaul*, but he resolved on an Expedition against that Island; of which the *Britains* having notice, they were under great Uneasiness, and dispatched Ambassadors to him, desiring the Friendship of the *Romans*, and offering Hostages for their good Behaviour. He gave them a favourable Audience, and advising them to persist in their good Intentions, amicably dismissed them: Mean while the *Morini*, a People inhabiting the Sea Coasts opposite to the nearest Parts of *Britain*, submitted to him of their own accord, excusing themselves for what they had hitherto done from their Ignorance of the *Roman* People. *Caesar* having dispatched *C. Volusenus* with a light Frigate to view the opposite Coasts of the Island, (who, upon his Return, in five Days, gave him an account of what he had observed) got ready a sufficient Number of Ships for the Transportation of two Legions, which he put on board, and having issued the necessary Orders, sailed from ^b *Portus*

Caesar resolves on an Expedition against Britain.

They send Ambassadors to him.

Caesais, or *rather Boulogne.*
Year of the World 3895. Of Rome 698. Before Christ 53. Caesar arrives on the Coast of Britain.

Incisus about one in the Morning, and by ten arrived with his Squadron on the *British* Coast, where he saw all the Cliffs (supposed to be those about *Dover*) covered with the Enemy in Arms. Such was the Nature of the Place, that the *Britains* might cast their Darts with great Advantage from the impending Hills; wherefore, not thinking it convenient to land there, he cast Anchor, and waited for the coming up of part of his Fleet. Upon their Arrival, about three in the Afternoon, he called a Council of War, and communicating the Intelligences *Volusenus* had given him, he, when the Wind and Tide served, made the Signal for weighing, and having sailed about eight Miles further, arrived at a plain and open Shore, somewhere about *Deal*. The *Britains* being apprized of his Design, sent their Cavalry and Chariots before, and speedily advanced with the rest of the Army, in order to oppose his landing, a thing which he found very difficult, for the Ships drawing a considerable Depth of Water, they could not come within a great Distance of the Shore; so that the Soldiers were forced to leap into the Sea, loaden as they were with heavy Armour, and at the same time to encounter the Waves and the Enemy in a Place they were not acquainted with; whereas the *Britains*, either standing upon the Shore, or wading a little way in the Water where they knew it to be shallow, having the free Use of all their Limbs, could boldly cast their Darts, and spur their Horses forward. *Caesar* observing that his Men abated of their usual Ardour, ordered the lightest Gallies to advance (a sort of Shipping the Enemy had not seen before) and at-

b Caesais, or rather Boulogne.

Year of the World 3895. Of Rome 698. Before Christ 53. Caesar arrives on the Coast of Britain.

The Britains oppose his landing.

tack

tack them in Flank with their Slings, Engines, and Arrows, which was performed with good Success; for the *Britains*, surprized at those Gallies, the Motion of the Oars, and the Engines, began to give Ground; when the Eagle-Bearer of the tenth Legion observing the Backwardness of the Soldiers to venture into the Sea, first invoked the Gods for Success, and then cried out, *Follow me, Fellow-Soldiers, unless you will abandon your Eagle to the Enemy; for, for my part, I am resolved to perform my Duty to my Country and my General.* With this, he immediately leaped over-board, and advanced the Eagle against the *Britains*; whereupon the Soldiers, encouraging each other to prevent so signal a Disgrace, followed his Example. The Conflict was sharply maintained on both sides for some time, till the foremost Ranks of the *Romans* got footing on dry Ground, when they put the Enemy to flight, who, as soon as they were out of reach of danger, sent Ambassadors to *Cæsar* to desire Peace, promising to deliver Hostages for their entire Submission, which were accordingly received, and a Peace concluded in four Days after his Arrival. Eighteen Transports appointed for his Cavalry, which were not ready to embark with the rest of his Troops, having put to Sea after him, with an easy Gale of Wind, were already arrived within Sight of the *Roman* Camp, when of a sudden there came up such a violent Storm, that they were all dispersed, some endeavouring, in the best manner they could, to reach the Port whence they came, while others driving down the Chanel, let fall their Anchors and attempted to ride it out, but finding their Endeavours ineffectual, bore away also for *Gaul*. The same Night the Moon being at the full, and causing a Spring-Tide, a Circumstance the *Romans* were ignorant of, the Gallies they had hauled up on the Sands were soon filled with Water, and the Ships of Burthen, which rode at Anchor, were so violently agitated with the Storm, that several of them foundered, drove from their Anchors, or lost their Masts and Rigging, all of them being render'd useless; and the *Romans* had no Materials to refit them, or other Vessels to transport themselves to the opposite Shore: nor had they made any Provision for wintering in *Britain*, insomuch that the whole Army was under a terrible Consternation. The Princes of *Britain*, who were assembled to perform their Agreement with *Cæsar*, knowing that he had neither Cavalry, Ships, nor Provisions, and thinking they should be more than an equal Match for the *Romans*, came to a Resolution to break with them again, which they accordingly did, and attacked them with their whole Force. After two or three Skirmishes, with doubtful Success, they came to a decisive Battel, wherein the *Britains* received a total Defeat, and immediately thereupon had Recourse to their old Custom of sending Ambassadors to beg Peace; whereupon *Cæsar* commanded them to send him into *Gaul* double the Number of Hostages he had before required, and not thinking it safe to take a Winter's Voyage in his crazy Vessels, the Autumnal Equinox being near, he took the first Advantage of a Wind, and weighing Anchor about one in the Morning, in few Hours arrived safe in *Gaul* with his whole Fleet.

A sharp Conflict, but the Britains are put to flight.

The Ships with the Roman Cavalry separate.

Many of Cæsar's ships destroyed by a high Tide.

The Britains receive a total Defeat.

Cæsar returns to Gaul.

Having

Having settled the Winter-Quarters of his Troops in ^c *Gallia Belgica*, (where two of the Communities of *Britain* sent their Hostages, all the rest neglecting it) he repaired to *Illyricum*, leaving Orders with the Commanding Officers of the Legions to clean and refit all the old Ships, and to build a Number of new ones, lower than usual, that so they might be the easier hauled ashore, and more expeditiously loaden; for he had observ'd that, by reason of the frequent changing of the Tide in these Parts, there did not run so great Seas as in the Mediterranean. He also ordered them to be built broader, that so they might carry the greater Number of Horses and Carriages, and to be contrived both for rowing and sailing, for which their low built would render them the more fit: And as for Rigging, and Naval Stores, he gave Orders for their being sent from *Spain*.

^c *The Netherlands.*

On his Return to *Gaul* the next Spring, he found the Fleet in Readiness; and the *Britains* having not sent the rest of their Hostages, according to Agreement, he left *Labienus* with three Legions, and two thousand Horse, to secure the *Portus Iccius*, and watch the Motions of the *Gauls*, and embarking with the like Number of Horse, and five Legions, about Sunset he weigh'd Anchor, with an easy Gale at S. W, which dying away about Midnight, he found, by break of Day, that the Currents had carried him too far to the Eastward; but the Tide then returning, and all Hands labouring hard at the Oars, (wherein was not enough to be commended the Diligence of the Soldiers, who made the Ships of Burthen keep up with the light Gallies) about Noon he gain'd the Land, and put in at the same Place he came to before; where he found no *Britains*, for they had retired at the first Sight of so numerous a Fleet, which, including Vessels of all sorts, consisted of eight hundred Sail. *Cæsar*, having landed his Army, marked out a Camp, and learning from some Prisoners which fell into his Hands where the Enemy were encamped, he left twelve Cohorts, and three hundred Horse for the Security of his Fleet, which he thought was in no danger from the Weather on such a smooth open Shore, and having appointed *Q. Atrius* to command, advanced himself by Night in quest of the Natives. He had not marched above twelve Miles e'er he saw them, who having posted their Horses and Chariots on the Banks of the ^d River, endeavoured to oppose his Passage, but being repulsed by the *Roman* Cavalry, fled to the Woods, notwithstanding the Advantage they had of Ground. *Cæsar* would not permit his Men to follow them, because the Day was far spent, he intending to employ the Remainder of it in intrenching his Camp; and next Day News came from *Atrius* that the Fleet had suffer'd extremely by a Storm, most of the Ships having broken from their Anchors, and fallen foul of one another, or ran ashore; whereupon he immediately sent to call in the Parties he had detached out to scour the Country, and returned with his Army to the Sea-side, where he found about forty of his Ships lost, and the rest so much disabled, that they could not without difficulty be repaired. However, he set all the Carpenters he had to work upon them, and sent for

^c *Cæsar returns to Britain.*

^c *Advances against the Britains.*

^d *The Stower.*

^e *His Fleet suffers much in a Storm.*

for others from *Gaul*, ordering at the same time *Labienus* to dispatch to him as many more Ships as possibly he could. Considering then that tho' it were a Work of great Labour and Difficulty, yet it would be of singular Importance to haul the Ships up, and include them within the same Retrenchment as the Camp, he resolved to set about it, and it was performed in ten Days, his Men labouring both Day and Night.

He includes his Ships within a Retrenchment.

This done, he left the same Number of Troops for the Protection of the Ships as before, and advanced to the Place he had lately removed from, where he found the Enemy's Forces greatly increased under the Command of *Cassivellaunus*, one of the Kings of the Island

* The Thames.

(whose Territories lay beyond the *Tamesis*) whom they had now chosen for their Generalissimo. With him *Cæsar* had several Skirmishes with various Success; but at length forced him to retire into his own Dominions, whither he resolved to march after him. Arriving at the Banks of the *Tamesis*, he saw the Enemy's Forces drawn up in a considerable Body on the opposite side, which was fortified with sharp Stakes, and many Piles of the like kind were driven into the bottom of the River, the tops whereof were under Water. *Cæsar*, notwithstanding, crossed the River at this Place, (supposed to be *Coway-Stakes* near *Chertsey*) and put the *Britains* to flight; so that *Cassivellaunus* lost all hopes of Success by Battel, and retaining with him not above four thousand Chariots, could only observe the Motions of the *Romans*, and prevent their making such Excursions as otherwise they would have done. In the mean time

Beats Cassivellaunus, the British General.

Crosses the River of Thames, and Cassivellaunus treats of a Surrender.

f Middlesex and Essex.
g Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire.

h The Hundred of Holeshot in Hampshire.

i The Hundred of Henley in Oxfordshire.

k The Hundred of Bray in Berkshire.

l Calshott Hundred in Hertfordshire.

m Kent.
Cæsar returns to Gaul.

n The People inhabiting Zutphen.

the *Trinobantes*, *Cenimagi*, *Segontiaci*, *Ancalites*, *Bibroci*, and *Cassii* submitting to him, and the Kings of *Cantium* having miscarried in their Design upon the Naval Camp, *Cassivellaunus* sent Ambassadors to treat of a Surrender. *Cæsar*, designing to Winter in *Gaul*, accepted his Submission, demanded Hostages, and appointed the yearly Tribute which the *Britains* should pay to the People of *Rome*, which Hostages having received, he marched his Army back to the Sea shore; where finding his Fleet refitted, he ordered them to be launched, and had Thoughts of transporting the Troops at twice, because his Ships were not sufficient to receive them and the great Number of Prisoners; for of those sixty which *Labienus* had built, very few were arrived. *Cæsar* having in vain expected them for some time, and doubting the Navigation might be hazardous, since the Equinox was approaching, he made a shift to crowd all his Troops on board those Ships he had, and setting sail about ten at Night, arrived the next Morning on the opposite Coast.

The *Gauls*, during his Absence, had been concerting a general Revolt, which this Winter they put in Execution, but he in a short time reduced them to Obedience, killing *Indutiomarus*, one of the principal Authors of the Rebellion. Having passed the *Rhine*, and overcome the *Sicambri* on the other side that River, he quelled another Rebellion in *Gaul*, and taking *Vercingetorix* Prisoner, settled the Country in Peace; about which time *Crassus* being slain in the East, the Triumvirate was dissolved, and *Cæsar's* Daughter

Julia,

Julia, the Wife of *Pompey*, dying, the mutual Grudgings that had long been between them two broke out into an open War. The immense Riches of *Cæsar*, and his Favour with the People, rendered him suspected to *Pompey*, as *Pompey*'s great Power, and Interest with the Senate, were very much laid to Heart by *Cæsar*, the one not being able to bear an Equal, nor the other a Superior. The Senate, influenced by *Pompey*, ordered *Cæsar*, when he petitioned for a second Consulship, to disband his Army, and appear as a private Person at the Election; which he refusing, unless *Pompey* were obliged to do the like, they looked upon it as a Denunciation of War, and appointed *Domitius*, with five Legions, to succeed him in the Government of *Gaul*. *Cæsar* having Advice of what passed at *Rome*, marched his Army with wonderful Expedition into *Italy*, and crossed the °*Rubicon*, *Pompey*'s Troops not daring to oppose him: He placed Garrisons in all the strong Places of *Italy*, defeated *Petrcius* and *Afranius*, *Pompey*'s Lieutenants in *Spain*, and took *Brundusium*; where causing all the Ships to be brought together, that could be got from the several Parts of the Mediterranean in his Interest, he sent *Q. Valerius*, his Lieutenant, to *Sardinia* with one Legion, and *Asinius Pollio* with three to *Sicily* against *Cato*, who kept that Island for *Pompey*, and had not only ordered all the Ships belonging thereunto to be refitted, but that each City should build a Number of new ones; who yet, notwithstanding these Preparations, immediately abandoned the Island upon the Arrival of *Pollio*, and leaving all the Ships behind him, fled to *Pompey* at *Corcyra*.

Cæsar and Pompey break into open War.

Domitius appointed to succeed Cæsar in Gaul.

° *Pifatello.*

Cæsar beats Pompey's Lieutenants.

Cato abandons Sicily.

When *Cæsar* was in *Spain*, he dispatched *Curio* over to *Africa* with five Legions, and twelve Ships, against *Attilius Varus*, and *Juba*, King of *Mauritania*; who soon after coming to an Engagement with them at the River *Bagrada*, not only lost his own Life, but most of his Men were cut in pieces. *Cæsar* himself marching against *Petrcius*, the Inhabitants of *Massilia* were the only People who shut their Gates against him, having received *Domitius* into their Port, with seven light Frigates he had hired in *Sicily* and *Sardinia* of private Persons, which he had manned with his own Slaves, and such Country Fellows as he could get. To him the *Massilians* committed the Defence of their City, and sending out their Gallies to cruize, they brought in all the Merchant Ships they could meet with, which they made use of against the Enemy; whereupon *Cæsar* advanced with three Legions, and encamping before the Place, raised Towers, crected Penthouses to cover his Men in carrying on the Approaches, and ordered twelve Gallies to be built at *Arclate*, which were completely finished, rigged, and fit for Service within thirty Days after the Timber was cut down; and having brought them before the Place, he gave the Command of them to *Brutus*, leaving *Trebonius* to carry on the Siege by Land. The *Massilians*, by Advice of *Domitius*, fitted out seventeen large Gallies, besides a great Number of Barks, designing by such a numerous Appearance to strike a Terrour among the *Romans* under *Brutus*. They manned them with Archers, and the People of the Mountains about *Massilia*, whom they had called in to their Assistance, and having encouraged

Curio beaten in Africa.

¶ *Marfeilles.*

Cæsar encamps before Massilia.

¶ *Arles.*

Les Pome-
gues.

A Battel be-
ween the Ro-
man and
Maffilian
Fleets.

A fecond Fight
between the
Roman and
Maffilian
Fleets.

Cæfar take
Miffilia.

raged them by large Promises to behave themselves gallantly, *Domitius* embarking with the Men he had brought, they all advanced against the *Romans*, who were at Anchor among the ² Islands which lie before the Town. *Brutus* was much inferior to them, both in Number of Ships and Men, but those he had were all chosen Troops, and their Officers such as voluntarily offered themselves for this Service. The Fight was very obllinate on both sides, the Mountaineers, who had been disciplin'd a long while, behaving themselves with great Bravery, and *Domitius's* Slaves performed Wonders, in hopes of procuring their Liberty. Their Ships being light and nimble, eluded, with great Dexterity, the Shock of *Brutus's* Gallies, and, spreading themselves out to a good Distance, endeavoured to encompass the *Romans*; but failing in that Design, they attempted, in passing swiftly by, to brush off their Oars. The *Romans* had neither experienced Pilots, nor good Rowers, being all raw Seamen, and scarce acquainted with the Terms of Navigation; besides, their Gallies were heavy and unwieldy, having been run up in haste of green Timber, so that their whole Dependance was on the Goodness of the Troops they had on board; and in order to the making this advantageous to them, they used all Endeavours to come to a close Fight, which they at length effected. Being well provided with Javelins, Darts, Arrows, and other missive Weapons, together with large Hooks, and grappling Irons, they frequently attack'd two Ships of the Enemy's at once, which, seizing with those Instruments, they boarded, fighting from both sides of their own with much Resolution. Having made a great Slaughter among the Mountaineers, and *Domitius's* People, and sunk or taken nine Gallies, with all their Men, they forced the rest to retire with the utmost Precipitation into the Harbour; which ill Success, however, did not diminish the Courage of the Besieged, who bravely sustain'd all the Efforts of the Enemy by Land; and in a short time after ventured upon another Engagement at Sea, encouraged thereunto by the Arrival of *Nasidius* with sixteen Sail from *Pompey*. *Brutus* having by this time also found means to encrease his Strength, the two Fleets came to a Battel, in view both of the Town and *Roman* Camp, when the *Maffilians* charged with much greater Fury than those did which *Nasidius* had brought with him, and held the Victory in suspense for some time, who at length perceiving two of their Gallies, which attacked the Ship *Brutus* had hoisted his Flag in, accidentally rush against each other, and sink with the Violence of the Shock, he retired with his Division from out of the Line, whereas had he had the Courage to continue the Fight, he might have procured the Victory to the *Maffilians*, who being thus basely deserted, were no longer able to make head against *Brutus*, by whom five of their Ships were sunk, four taken, and the rest forced to retire in Confusion; however, the Besieged held out for some time, and were, with great difficulty, obliged at length to surrender.

While this Siege was carrying on, and *Cæsar* was reducing *Spain* to his Obedience, *C. Antonius* and *Dolabella*, who had it in charge from him to secure the *Adriatick*, were encamped the first in the Island

Island ^c *Corcyra Melena*, and the other over against him upon the Continent of *Illyricum*; but *Pompey* being now considerably more potent at Sea, *Octavius Libo*, his Lieutenant, arrived with a good Number of Ships, and landed his Troops both on the Island and the Main; thus hemming in *Dolabella*, as well as *Anthony*, the latter of whom being hard pressed in the Island for want of Provisions, he, in order to escape to the Continent, having no Ships with him, caused several Floats to be made, composed of Timbers laid a-cross small Boats which were chained together, and was in hopes that the Numbers of Men he proposed to put upon each Float might deter the Enemy from attacking them. *Libo*, on the other hand, by Advice of some of the old *Cilician* Pirates, ordered Cables to be laid under Water from his Ships, a-cross the Place where the Enemy's Floats must necessarily pass, which were fastened to the opposite Rocks. Two of the Floats he suffered to pass unmolested, but when the third came, on which were six or seven hundred Soldiers of *Opitergium*, it was, by means of these Cables, forced ashore to a Place covered with his own Troops. The *Opitergians* sustain'd the joint Efforts of the Enemy's whole Land and Sea-Force for some time, but at length finding no means to escape from such unequal Numbers, *Vulterius*, who commanded, worked them up to a Resolution of dispatching themselves, which they (following the Example of *Vulterius* himself) desperately performed, by falling on each others Swords.

Cæsar returning to *Rome*, after the Reduction of *Spain*, he, by his own Power, assumed the Consulship, and having joined to himself *P. Servilius* in the Execution of that Office, he proceeded first to *Brundisium*, then to *Epirus*, and from thence advanced to *Pharsalia* in *Macedonia*. *Pompey* having had a Year's Time to provide for his Defence, had gotten together from *Asia*, the Islands *Cyclades*, *Athens*, *Corcyra*, and *Ægypt*, a Fleet of six hundred Sail, with some of which he secured the Sea-Ports, and ordered the rest to cruise about the *Ionian* and the Mouth of the *Adriatick*, to prevent *Cæsar's* passing over to *Macedonia*. He appointed *Lælius* to command the Ships of the Provincial *Asia*; to *Triarius's* Care he committed those of *Syria*, to *Cassius* the *Rhodian*, to *Marcellus* and young *Pompey* the *Liburnian*, and to *Tribonius* and *Octavius Libo* those of *Achaia*. The Night after *Cæsar* had landed in *Epirus*, he sent back his Ships to *Brundisium*, thirty of which fell into the Hands of *Bibulus*, who commanded in Chief for *Pompey* in the *Ionian* Sea, by whom they were set on fire, and all the Men on board them burnt.

After *Pompey's* Defeat in the Battel of *Pharsalia*, (from whence he escaped to *Cyprus*, and thence to *Ægypt*, where he was slain) *Lælius*, ignorant of what had happened, came with his Squadron to *Brundisium*, and possess'd himself of the Island which lies before that Port; when *Vatinius*, who commanded there for *Cæsar*, manning out a great Number of Longboats, took one of *Lælius's* Gallies of five Tire of Oars, together with two small Frigates, but could not dislodge him from the Island; and at the same time *Cassius*,

^c *Caizoli*, lying off *Ragusa*.

Libo *Pompey's* Lieutenant; he, in *Dolabella* and *Anthony*

^c *Olerzo* in the Republick of *Venice*.

Vulterius being overcome, he and his Men kill themselves

Cæsar assumes the Consulship.

Lælius commands *Pompey's* Fleet.

Some of *Cæsar's* Ships fall into the Hands of *Pompey*.

Lælius comes out with a Squadron to *Brundisium*.

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with the *Rhodian, Phœnician, and Cilician* Ships repaired to *Sicily*. The Fleet which *Cæsar* had in those Parts was then divided into two Squadrons, one under the Command of *Sulpitius* at *Vibo*, without the streight of *Sicily*, and the other with *Pomponius* at *Messana*, which Port *Cassius* reached before *Pomponius* had any Intelligence of him, and finding the Enemy lay careleſs, and in Disorder, he filled ſeveral Veſſels of Burthen with Pitch, Hemp, and other combuſtible things, which, with a ſtrong Wind, that blew directly into the Port, he ſent toward *Pomponius's* Ships, and burnt them all, being in Number thirty ſix, and would at the ſame time have made himſelf Maſter of the Town, had not the News of *Pompey's* Deſeat at *Pharſalia*, which juſt then arrived, confirmed the People in the Intereſt of *Cæſar*. *Cassius* from hence proceeded towards *Vibo*, where lay *Sulpitius*; and, with the like Advantage of a favourable Wind, ſent againſt him no leſs than forty Fire-Ships, which ſet on Fire the Gallies at each End of his Line, five whereof were preſently conſumed with the Flames. Some veteran Troops of *Cæſar's* that were poſted aſhore for the Protection of this Squadron, immediately went on board, bore down againſt the Enemy's Fleet, and charged them with ſuch Violence that they ſoon made themſelves Maſters of two Gallies of three Tire of Oars, and as many of five, one of which was *Cassius's* own Gally, who leaped into a Boat, and eſcaped with the reſt of his Fleet. Notwithſtanding this, he continued in thoſe Parts, till he received Advice of *Pompey's* Deſeat, and then made the beſt of his Way toward *Asia*; but, in his Paſſage thither, fell in with the little Barks which were transporting *Cæſar's* Troops from *Greece* to *Asia*; and though he might have eaſily taken them all, with *Cæſar* himſelf, yet he was ſo much over-awed by that great Man's Preſence and Behaviour, that he immediately ſurrendered both himſelf and Ships.

Cæſar made but a ſhort Stay in *Asia*; for hearing that *Pompey* had been at *Cyprus*, he gueſſed he would make for *Ægypt*, and therefore following him with his uſual Diligence, he ſoon arrived with his Troops at *Alexandria*, on board ten *Rhodian* Gallies he had taken from *Cassius*, and ſome Ships of *Asia*. Upon his landing he received the News of *Pompey's* Death, whoſe Head was preſented to him, with the Ring which he uſed for his Signet, which mournful Spectacle drew Tears from his Eyes; and to ſhew the Reſpect he had for him, he cauſed a magnificent Sepulchre to be built near the Place where he was murdered, with an Edifice which he called the Temple of Wrath, and then he ſet himſelf towards making up the Differences between King *Ptolemy* and his Siſter *Cleopatra*, relating to the Succeſſion of the Kingdom, whom he ſummoned to appear before him for that Purpoſe. *Photinus* had then the Adminiſtration of Affairs, who reſuſing to adhere to *Cæſar's* Propoſals, procured *Achillas* to march to *Alexandria* at the Head of two and twenty thouſand Men, which obliged *Cæſar* to take great Care, after he had ſecured the King's Perſon, to ſtrengthen himſelf in the Town, not being able to meet the Enemy in the Field, and to cauſe his own Quarters to be ſtrongly fortified; where, nevertheleſs, he was ſhortly

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† *Bivona*, in the Golfo di *S. Eufemia*, in the farther Calabria.

Cassius burns Cæſar's Ships, and ſeveral of the Gallies with Sulpitius.

Cassius's Fleet beaten.

Cassius ſurrenders to Cæſar.

The Death of Pompey.

Cæſar endeavours to reconcile Ptolemy and Cleopatra.

after attacked by *Achillas*. His Troops bravely repulsed the Enemy, whose chief Design was to get Possession of fifty Ships, and two and twenty Gallies that were in the Haven, which obliged *Cæsar*, after a long and doubtful Fight, to make himself Master of the Island *Pharos* (where was the celebrated Watch-Tower of that Name) lying before the Harbour, and to set fire to those Vessels, which Situation made him Master by Sea; but he was close shut up by Land, and the People of the Town were generally against him. *Photinus* being soon after slain, *Ganymedes* the Eunuch, under Pretence of assisting *Arfinoe*, King *Ptolemy's* youngest Sister, and by declaring her Queen had caused *Achillas* to be murdered, and procured to himself the Command of the Army, pushed the Siege with much Vigour, and reduced *Cæsar* to great Extremities by spoiling all his fresh Water, which he remedied by his extraordinary Diligence, and by digging Abundance of Wells.

attack'd in Alexandria by Ganymedes.

Reduced to Extremities by Ganymedes.

This was the Posture of *Cæsar's* Affairs, when he had Advice that the twenty fourth Legion was arrived at a *Peninsula*, two or three Leagues short of *Alexandria*, but could not reach that Port, the Wind blowing fresh at S. E, in which Quarter it continued for some Days, so that they began to be in Want of Water; Advice whereof being sent to *Cæsar*, he embarked on board his Ships with the Mariners only, and repaired to the aforelaid *Peninsula*. The Enemy knowing he was without Soldiers, attacked him, but he soon overcame them, joined his Legion, and returned to *Alexandria*: And though this first Action astonish'd the *Egyptians*, they nevertheless refitted their Ships, and came against him with a stronger Fleet than before, but were again routed, and forced to retire under the Peer of *Pharos*, which joined the Island to the City. *Cæsar* was only Master of the Island and Tower, who making an Attack upon the Peer with some little Success, was, notwithstanding, at length repulsed, and his Soldiers put in so much Disorder, that not being able to hinder their throwing themselves on board his Ship in Crowds the funk, and they all perished, he saving himself by swimming, wherein he shew'd so much Prefence of Mind as to preserve his Papers, by holding them out of the Water with one Hand, while he secured his military Robe in his Teeth. Having some Days after enlarged *Ptolemy*, at the Request of the *Alexandrians*, in order to facilitate a Peace, he received Advice of the Arrival of *Mithridates* of *Pergamus*, with an Army from *Lycia* to his Assistance, who had taken *Pelusium*, and attempted to pass the River *Nile* at *Delta*. *Ptolemy* being informed thereof, advanced in Person to oppose, as *Cæsar* did to assist him, who, before the Arrival of either, had beaten some of *Ptolemy's* Troops. *Cæsar* also defeated others before he could join *Mithridates*, and having assaulted and taken a small Fort which was between him and *Ptolemy*, he the next Day, attacked, and forced his Camp, when the King endeavouring to save himself by Water, was drowned. Hereupon he returned to *Alexandria*, which immediately submitting to him, together with the rest of the Kingdom, he established *Cleopatra* therein.

Cæsar attack'd at Sea, but is successful.

He again beats the Egyptians at Sea.

Cæsar saves himself by swimming.

Mithridates of Pergamus comes to assist Cæsar.

King Ptolemy drowned, and Egypt submits to Cæsar.

*M. Octavius
ranges over
the Adriatick.*

*Vatinius goes
to aid Corni-
ficius.*

* Old Ragusa.

† La Brazza,
on the Coast
of Dalmatia.

Vatinius o-
vercomes O-
ctavius's Fleet.

While these things were transacting in *Ægypt*, *M. Octavius*, one of *Pompey's* Commanders at Sea, ranged over the *Adriatick* with a considerable Fleet, and having taken several Places in *Illyricum*, was not without Hopes utterly to have driven out *Cornificius*, who commanded in that Province for *Cæsar*; but by the Vigilance of that Officer, and the Bravery of *Vatinius*, his Designs were frustrated. *Cornificius* having sent *Vatinius* Advice of the Posture of Affairs, and that the Enemy had not only made a League with the *Barbarians* of the Country, but attacked several of his Garrisons, both maritime and inland, he resolved, notwithstanding the Rigour of the Season, and his Indisposition, for he lay ill at *Brundusum*, to repair to his Relief, and tho' he had not any thing in readines for such an Expedition, his Valour and Industry surmounted all Difficulties. He wrote to *Kalenus* in *Achaia* immediately to send over to him the Ships he had there, but they not arriving with that Expedition so pressing an Occasion required, he got together all the Barks and small Frigates that could be found, and armed their Prows with Beaks, tho' scarce one of them was of a proper Size for Battel. With these, and the few Gallies he had, he set Sail for *Illyricum*, with a considerable Number of veteran Troops *Cæsar* had left behind him sick at *Brundusum*, and, immediately upon his Arrival, recovered several maritime Towns, confirming others with his Presence which were wavering, but made it his chief Care by all possible means to come up with *M. Octavius*, and hearing he was before * *Epidaurus*, where *Cæsar* had a Garrison, thither he hastened, but upon his Approach he raised the Siege and retired. *Vatinius*, with the Garrison of that Place, sailed again in quest of *Octavius*, who relying on the Goodness of his own Ships, and the Account he had of the Crazi-ness of those with his Enemy, lay in wait for him at the Island † *Thauris*, by which he knew he would pass. As *Vatinius* was advancing towards that Island, without thinking the Enemy was so near, he perceived of a sudden a Ship, full of Soldiers, crowding down to him with all the Sail she could make, which was soon followed by several others, whereupon he put himself in a Posture to receive them, and hoisted his Flag as a Signal for Battel. The Enemy came on well prepared and in good Order, while the other was surprized and in Confusion; so that *Octavius* fought most regularly, but *Vatinius* with the greatest Resolution: For, tho' he was much inferior both in the Number and Quality of his Ships, yet he first charged *Octavius* with such Fury, that by the first Shock he tore off the Beak of his Gally. The Fight was at the same time maintained with great Obstinacy in all Quarters, but more especially near the two Generals, to whose Aid many crouded on both sides; but as soon as they came to a close Fight, *Vatinius's* Men, by their superior Courage and Bravery, abundantly made amends for the Weakness of their Ships. *Octavius's* own Gally was sunk, with diverse others, being transfix'd with the Beaks of *Vatinius's* Vessels, and several being taken, the Troops on board them were kill'd, or thrown into the Sea. *Octavius* leaped into a Boat, which presently sinking with the great Numbers that crouded into her, he swam aboard one of his *Brigantines*, and,

with the shatter'd Remains of his Fleet, escap'd by favour of the Night and bad Weather. *Vatinius* made a Signal to forbear chasing, and sail'd victoriously, without the Loss of one Ship into the Port, from whence the Enemy came to engage him, where he stay'd the next Day to refit his own Ships, and those he had taken from *Octavius*, (which were one Gally of five Tire of Oars, two of three Tire, and eight of two,) and then made the best of his way to the Island ^{of} *Issa*, to which Place he believ'd *Octavius* was fled. On his Arrival there he had the Town surrendered to him, which as it was one of the richest in those Parts, so was it the most devoted to the Enemy's Interest, and there he received Advice that *Octavius* was gone with a few small Ships for *Greece*, with Design to sail for *Sicily*, and thence to *Africk*: So that having thus, in so short a time, settled the Province in Peace in *Cornificius's* Hands, and entirely cleared the *Adriatick* of the Enemy's Ships, he returned triumphantly to *Brundisium*.

Cæsar repaired from *Alexandria*, where we left him, into *Asia* against *Pharnaces* King of *Pontus*, who being soon defeated and slain, he appointed the aforementioned *Mithridates* of *Pergamus* to succeed him in that Kingdom, and then returning to *Italy*, he pass'd from thence over to *Africk*, where in a short time he overcame *Scipio* and *Juba*, and going back to *Rome* celebrated four Triumphs, on four successive Days, for the Wars he had so prosperously concluded, the first and second of which were for the Reduction of *Gaul* and *Egypt*, the third for the Defeat of *Pharnaces*, and the fourth of *Juba*. The two Sons of *Pompey* having now rallied the scatter'd Forces of that Party in *Spain*, *Cæsar* repaired thither, and overcame them in a bloody Battel near ^a *Munda*, where they lost thirty thousand Men, and *Cneius*, the youngest of them, soon after, his Life; when returning from this Expedition, he was received with extravagant Applause, and the Senate decreed him the most unusual Honours; for they gave him the Title of Father of his Country, coined Money with his Image, ordered publick Sacrifices on his Birth-day, and his Statue to be set up in all Cities, and in the Temples at *Rome*. Which invidious Honours, and his Subversion of the Liberties of his Country, by retaining the supreme Power in his Hands, after the Settlement of Affairs, soon brought upon him the Conspiracy of *Brutus*, *Cassius*, and other Noblemen of *Rome*, by whose Hands he was slain in the Senate House.

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Cæsar defeats *Pharnaces* King of *Pontus*.
overcomes *Scipio* and *Juba*.

and *Pompey's* Sons in *Spain*.
^a *Ronda* *Veja*, near *Malaga*.

The Honours done to *Cæsar*, and his Death.
Year of the World, 3906.
of *Rome* 709.
before *Christ*, 42.

CHAPTER XVII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Romans from the Death of Julius Cæsar to the Battel of Actium, and the Establishment of the Empire by Augustus.

Octavius arms himself against M. Anthony.

Octavius, Nephew of this great Man, being by the last Will of his Uncle adopted into the *Julian* Family, and made his Heir, he, by Authority of the Senate, in Conjunction with the Consuls *Hirtius* and *Pansa*, raised an Army against *Marc Anthony*, who, under Pretence of revenging the Death of *Cæsar*, exercised all manner of Tyranny, and had no other Design but to secure the Government of Affairs to himself. In the first Engagement they had, *Hirtius* was killed, and *Pansa* dying soon after, the sole Command of the Army came into the Hands of *Octavius*, who being now neglected by the Senate, closed with *Anthony*, and entering into a Treaty with him and *Lepidus*, formed that Association called the second Triumvirate.

An Association between Octavius, Anthony and Lepidus.

Octavius's first Care now was to cause all those who had been concerned in the Death of his Uncle to be proclaimed Enemies to the State, and marching against *Brutus* and *Cassius*, defeated them at *Philippi*, and put to Death several noble *Romans* of both Sexes by Proscription, but *Sextus Pompey*, after the Death of his Brother in *Spain*, made a shift to escape thence, and being neglected by *Julius Cæsar*, as not worthy of his Notice, for some time exercised Piracy in an obscure manner; till at length gathering together the scattered Remains of his broken Troops, and arming a great Number of Slaves, he possessed himself of *Sicily* and *Sardinia*, became very formidable, and routed the Fleet *Cæsar* sent against him under *Carina*, whom he put to Flight, as he did afterwards *Asinius Pollio*, who was employed on the same Service. Being upon the Assassination of *Cæsar*, recalled from Banishment, he retired to *Massilia*, and there for some time waited the Event of the War that was begun between *Anthony* and *Brutus*: But when the Senate gave the Provinces of *Macedonia* and *Syria* to *Brutus* and *Cassius*, and decreed War against *Dolabella*, *Pompey* was, by their Authority, commissioned to command the Fleet and the Sea Coasts, and to have the whole Administration of their Naval Affairs. Hereupon assembling his old Fleet from *Spain*, and the Parts adjacent, and having considerably increased it with a Number of new Ships, he ravaged the Seas for some time, and then repaired to *Messana*, which, together with all the rest of *Sicily*, he reduced to his Obedience, defeating *Salvidienus*, Admiral of *Octavius Cæsar's* Fleet, in an Engagement between *Rhegium* and *Sicily*.

Sextus Pompey takes Sicily, and beats Cæsar's Fleet.

Obtain: the sole Charge of Naval Affairs, reduces Sicily, and beats Octavius's Fleet.

Anthony sends for Octavius to Brundisium.

Whilst *Salvidienus* was refitting his shatter'd Gallies, *Octavius*, who was then busy about *Rhegium* in raising Troops, and making all Preparations for War, received an Express from *Anthony* to come to him at *Brundisium*: In the Neighbourhood of which Place *Stati-*
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tius Murcus, of the Faction of *Brutus* and *Cassius*, had been with a strong Squadron, for some time, to prevent the Transportation of the Army to *Macedonia*. *Murcus*, upon Advice of *Octavius's* Approach, retired from before *Brundusium*, yet kept hovering at a distance to observe the Enemy's Motions: But notwithstanding all his Precautions, *Octavius* and *Anthony* transported all their Troops in Safety to *Macedonia*. Soon after *Domitius Ænobarbus* joined *Murcus* with a considerable Squadron, so that their united Fleet consisted of a hundred and thirty Sail, with which they scoured the *Ionian* and *Adriatick* Seas, and let nothing escape their Hands, *Pompey* at the same time doing the like through the rest of the Mediterranean. While the two Armies were marching and countermarching in *Macedonia* (where after the Battel at *Philippi* *Brutus* and *Cassius* fell by their own Hands) a Fleet of Transports, going with two Legions to *Octavius*, under Convoy of a few Gallies, fell in with *Murcus* and *Ænobarbus*, who took some, burnt others, dispersed several, and forced the rest ashore, where they besieged them for five Days, when the Troops having spent all their Provisions, they desperately forced their way and escaped.

Domitius Ænobarbus joins Murcus with a Squadron.

Murcus and Ænobarbus rout Octavius's Transports.

Cleopatra, in her Conduct with Respect to the contending Parties, endeavour'd to trim between both; for tho' she had assisted *Dolabella*, yet *Serapion*, her Lieutenant in *Cyprus*, fought for *Cassius*; and after the Defeat of him and *Brutus*, she fearing the Resentments of the Conquerors, resolv'd in Person to meet *Anthony*, and, conscious of her own Charms, try how efficacious her Wit and Beauty would be in her Cause, he having summoned her to render an Account of her Behaviour. Crossing the Mediterranean to *Cilicia*, where *Anthony* then was, she came up the River *Cydus* in a Vessel, the Stern whereof was of Gold, the Sails of purple Silk, and the Oars of Silver, which gently kept Time to the Sound of soft Musick. She placed her self under a rich Canopy of Cloth of Gold, habited like *Venus* rising out of the Sea, with beautiful Boys about her, like *Cupids*, fanning her; and her Women, representing the *Nereids* and *Graces*, leaned negligently on the Sides and Shrouds of the Vessel, while Troops of Virgins, richly drest, marched on the Banks of the River, burning Incense and rich Perfumes, which were covered with an infinite Number of People, gazing on with Wonder and Admiration. The Queen's Success with *Anthony* was answerable to her Expectations, for, far from shewing any Resentments, he from that Moment entertained a Passion for her which was the Source of all his future Misfortunes; and abandoning himself entirely to Love he accompanied her to *Ægypt*, where he spent the following Winter, dissolved in Luxury and Pleasure. There he received Letters that *Fulvia* his Wife, and his Brother *Lucius*, then Consul, disagreeing with *Octavius* had been obliged to retire from *Italy*; and at the same time News coming that the *Parthians*, assisted by *Labiennus*, had made an Iruption into *Syria*, he began to rouse from his Lethargy and advanced with his Legions to *Phœnicia*. Proceeding thence, he, on the Coast of *Ionis*, received Intelligence that his Brother *Lucius*, having seized and fortified *Perusia*, had

Cleopatra determines to go to Anthony.

Anthony falls in Love with her Anthony goes from Ægypt to Phœnicia

He comes to Athens, and there meets Pompey's Offer of an Alliance.

had afterwards surrendered that Place to *Octavius*, and been reconciled to him again; and coming soon after to *Athens*, he was met there by his Mother *Julia*, with some Gallies which *Pompey* had assisted her with in her Escape from *Italy*; who also brought *Pompey's* Offers of an Alliance with him, if he intended to break with *Octavius*. *Anthony* returned *Pompey* his Thanks, letting him know he should gladly accept of his Proposal in case of a Breach, and that if they accommodated Matters, he might be included in the Treaty.

An Agreement between *Octavius* and *Anthony*.

The Empire divided.

Pompey declared a Traitor, seizes *Sicyon*, *Sardinia*, &c.

Octavius and *Anthony* come to a Treaty with *Pompey*.

While *Octavius* and *Anthony* were making new Levies, and preparing for War, News came that *Fulvia*, *Anthony's* Wife, was deceased at *Sicyon*; which proved of no small Consequence towards extinguishing the Flames of War which were just breaking out, the Friends of both these great Men never ceasing in their Sollicitations till they had brought them to lay down their Arms, and be reconciled to each other by means of a Match between *Anthony* and *Octavia*, the Sister of *Cæsar*. Hereupon ensued a Treaty, wherein was made another Partition of the Empire, allotting to *Octavius* *Italy*, *Gaul*, *Spain*, *Sicily*, *Sardinia*, and *Dalmatia*; and to *Anthony* all the other Provinces beyond the *Ionian* Sea. At the same time *Pompey* was declared a publick Enemy; who, upon Advice of these Proceedings, sent out his Officers to ravage the Seas of *Italy*, and plunder the Coasts, while himself, securing *Sicily*, *Sardinia*, and *Corfica*, kept *Rome*, and all the rest of *Italy*, from receiving any Supplies of Corn, which used to be carried thither, in great Quantities, from those Countries; and if he had landed there, and pushed his Fortune, he might, in all Probability, have come off Conqueror, being in Reality Master of a greater Force than *Octavius*, and abundantly more acceptable to the Senate and People of *Rome*: But being young, and unskillful in Affairs, he thought it enough to act upon the Defensive, when he should have boldly attacked the Enemy. This he had Encouragement enough to do, especially after the Accession of *Murcus's* Force, who joined him with a Fleet of eighty Sail; and *Enobarbus*, who commanded a strong Squadron in the *Ionian*, was very inclinable to do the like. The pressing Necessities, and frequent Mutinies of the People, on account of the Scarcity of Corn, at length obliged *Octavius* and *Anthony* to come to a Treaty with *Pompey*, wherein, among other things, it was agreed, that *Pompey* should retain the Islands he possessed, and have *Peloponnesus* besides; that he should restore the Freedom of Navigation, by leaving the Sea open, and supply *Italy* from time to time with certain Quantities of Corn. Matters being thus settled, he entertain'd *Octavius* and *Anthony* on board his Fleet, then lying off the Promontory *Misenum*, when *Menodorus*, his Vice-Admiral, calling him aside, putting him in mind, that he had it now in his Power to cut off the two Rivals for the Empire of the World, and seize it himself; and if he would but speak the word, it should be performed. *It cannot be done*, replied *Pompey*, *now you have acquainted me with it, for I have given them my Word and Honour, which I would not forfeit for that World.* After this Interview, *Pompey*

pey made the best of his way for *Sicily*, and *Octavius* and *Anthony* returned to *Rome*, from whence the latter, in a short time after, set out for *Asia*, where his Lieutenant *Ventidius* had defeated the *Parthians*.

Pompey seemed for a while to be satisfied, but as the Treaty between him and *Octavius* only regulated their Pretensions, not their Ambition, a Breach was soon made again; for which the Pretence on *Pompey's* side was, that *Peloponnesus* being yielded to him by that Treaty, *Anthony* refused to quit it till he was satisfied for such Monies as were due to him from the Inhabitants. *Pompey* would by no means hear of this, but immediately fitting out a new Fleet, and providing himself of Forces, put to Sea, and renewed his former Piracies: But *Menodorus*, his Vice-Admiral beforementioned, in a short time revolted to *Octavius*, bringing in with him *Sardinia* and *Corsica*, with three Legions, which *Menodorus* was *Pompey's* Freed-man, whom *Octavius*, in Requit of this Service, ranked among the *Ingenui*, promoted him to the Equestrian Order, and made him the next Commanding Officer to *Calvisius*, then Admiral of his Fleet. Against these *Pompey* sent *Menecrates*, another of his Freed-men, with a strong Squadron, with whom they came to an Engagement between the Island *Ænaria* and *Cuma*. The two Admiral-Ships charging each other with great Violence, immediately grappled, and *Menecrates*, by receiving a dangerous Wound, being no longer able to execute his Charge, and finding the Enemy like to make themselves Masters of his Ship, threw himself into the Sea and perished. Thus it fared with the Left Wing; and in the Right *Calvisius* breaking the Enemy's Line, forced several Ships to fly, which he chased with great Eagerness. *Demochares*, the next Commanding-Officer on *Pompey's* side, laid hold of this Occasion to attack the rest of the Enemy's Ships their Admiral had left behind, of which he forced a considerable Number against the Rocks, where their Men deserting them, he set them on fire, and had destroyed them all, but that by the Return of *Calvisius* he was obliged to retire. About the same time *Cornificius* going with a Squadron to *Tarentum*, met with a furious Storm off *Scyllæum*, where in they suffered extremely, but more from the Loss he sustained by *Apollophanes*, one of *Pompey's* Officers, who came out from *Messana*, and took several of his Ships. Upon these Advantages, *Pompey* was so swell'd with Vanity, that he styl'd himself *Neptune's* Son, coined Money with that Inscription, whereon he was represented by a Trident and a Dolphin, and put on Robes of a Sea-green Colour, instead of Purple, which was usually worn; nor failed he to renew his IncurSIONS with greater Fury, cruelly ravaging the Coasts of *Italy*, and sending *Apollophanes* into *Africk*, whom *Menodorus* followed, and gave him a signal Defeat on that Coast.

Octavius having received from *Anthony*, in pursuance of a new Treaty between them, a Reinforcement of a hundred and thirty Ships, bent his whole Thoughts upon the Reduction of *Pompey*, and the Island *Sicily*; and having appointed *Agrippa* his Admiral for that Expedition, and made a Lustration of the Fleet, with great

Pompey, Octavius, and Anthony fall out again.

Pompey's Vice-Admiral revolts to Octavius.

Ischia.

Pompey is victorious at Sea.

b Sciglio.

Cornificius his Ships suffer in a storm, &c. The Vanity of Pompey on his Successes.

His Lieutenant beaten in Africk.

Ceremony, he erected Altars at the Water's Edge, whereon he sacrificed to appease *Neptune*, and to procure a favourable Passage for the Fleet, when weighing Anchor from ^c *Puteoli*, he sailed toward *Sicily*, which Island was at the same time to be attacked by *Lepidus* from *Africa*, with eighty Gallies, a thousand Ships of Burthen, and twelve Legions, and by *Taurus* from *Tarentum* with the two hundred and thirty Sail which *Anthony* had sent. For the Reception of *Lepidus*, *Pompey* left *Plinius* with a good Force at *Lilybæum*, and placing strong Garrisons in all the Sea-Port Towns thereabouts, assembled the best part of his Fleet at *Messana*. *Taurus*, in his Passage from *Tarentum*, to join *Octavius*, was forced back by bad Weather, with the Wind at South; and *Lepidus* sailing with the same Wind from *Africk* for *Lilybæum*, lost several of his Ships: so that in this Storm *Octavius* had two and thirty large Gallies, with some *Liburnian* Frigates, sunk or split against the Rocks. This unlucky Accident made him once resolve to defer the Prosecution of his Design till next Year, but the Clamours of the People for want of Corn obliged him to set about refitting his Ships, and go on with the Invasion. *Menodorus*, thinking he was not enough regarded, being only Lieutenant to *Calvisius*, and having procured an Assurance of a favourable Reception from *Pompey*, now deserted *Octavius* with the same Levity as he had before joined him, and going over with seven Gallies, burnt or sunk a considerable Number of *Octavius's* Ships, which lay under the ^d Promontory *Palinurus*. Upon Advice that all the Shore of *Sicily* between ^e *Tyndaris* and ^f *Myle* was covered with *Pompey's* Fleet and Troops, *Octavius*, concluding *Pompey* was there in Person, ordered *Agrippa*, with great part of his Fleet, which was now refitted, to proceed thither, and endeavour to bring the Enemy to a Battel; while himself sailing from ^g *Strongyle* to *Vibo*, there disembarked, and went overland with three Legions to the Fleet at *Tarentum* under the Command of *Taurus*. Off *Myle* *Agrippa* fell in with *Pompey's* Fleet under *Demochares*, and they presently joined Battel with great Courage and Resolution; but *Pompey's* Ships were by much the lightest and nimblest, and his Men by long Service the more experienced Sailors, *Agrippa's* being of a much stronger Built, and consequently the most serviceable in a close Fight, so that several of *Pompey's* were sunk at their sides; and *Agrippa* having greatly the Advantage, the others made a Signal to retreat: However, the Victor did not think fit to chase, but returned to *Strongyle*, content with the Damage he had already done them, having sunk or taken thirty of their Ships.

About this time *Octavius* sailed from ^h *Leucopetra*, with the Fleet under *Taurus*, and his Land Forces, and came before ⁱ *Tauromenia*, where being refused Entrance, he passed on to the Mouth of the River *Onobola*, and landing his Troops, formed a Camp. *Pompey* coming thither with unexpected Celerity, *Octavius* left three Legions, five hundred Horse, a thousand light-armed Soldiers, and two thousand Auxiliaries under the Command of *Corniscius*, and went himself on board the Fleet to fight the Enemy. The Right Wing

^c Pozzuolo.
Octavius goes against Sicily.

Octavius loses divers Gallies in a Storm.

Menodorus deserts Octavius, and goes to Pompey.
^d Capo di Palinuro.
^e Tindaro.
^f Milizzo.

^g Stromboli.

A Battel at Sea between Pompey and Agrippa.

Several of Pompey's Ships taken and sunk.
^h Capo dell'Armi.
ⁱ Tauromina.

he committed to *Titinius*, the Left to *Corcinus*; and sailing about the Fleet in a Yacht, he exhorted the Officers to do their Duty, when going on board his own Ship, he ordered the Flag to be struck, that so the Enemy might not know where he was. In this Battel he received a total Defeat, and, with difficulty, made his Escape, with only one Servant: Mean while *Papias*, one of *Pompey's* Lieutenants, falling in with some Transports, which were bringing from *Africk* a Reinforcement of four Legions for *Lepidus*, he sunk or took the greatest Number, with the Troops on board; and those which escaped him fell into the Hands of *Tiscenus Gallus*, one of *Pompey's* Governours of the Sea-Coasts. *Octavius*, re-assembling his scattered Forces, joined *Lepidus*, and both advanced to besiege *Messana*; but *Lepidus* being not well affected to him, for that he was rather treated as a Lieutenant than his Partner in the Triumvirate, made an underhand Treaty with *Pompey*. It was not a proper time for *Cesar* to take notice of this, wherefore he dissimuled his Resentments, not but that he had Spies who narrowly watched his Conduct, that so he might not attempt any thing against him: And, in order to his getting the sooner rid of so precarious and deceitful an Ally, he willingly accepted of *Pompey's* Offer of another Battel at Sea. Off^k *Naulochus* both the Fleets were drawn up, consisting each of them of about three hundred Sail; and in this Action the Courage and good Conduct of *Agrippa* were very conspicuous, who, by help of the Turrets which he caused to be erected on his Ships, his Engines, and his grappling Irons, (Inventions improved by him to render them more serviceable) contributed very much to obtaining the Victory. The Army beheld the Engagement from the Shore with great Impatience, and Anxiety for the Event; and when *Agrippa* perceived the Enemy began to give way, he renewed his Attacks with redoubled Fury, insomuch that at length he entirely defeated them; for though seventeen of *Pompey's* Ships which first began to fly escaped with much difficulty, yet all the rest being encompass'd by *Agrippa*, were either burnt, sunk, or taken. Upon this *Octavius's* People, and the Army athore, paid their Vows to the Sea-Gods, and sung Hymns in their Praise, while aboard *Pompey's* Fleet there was nothing but Weeping and Despair, he himself flying, in the utmost Confusion, to *Messana*, and abandoning his Land-Army, which thereupon surrendered to *Octavius*; which signal Victory was obtained on his side with the Loss only of three Ships; and for the good Services of *Agrippa* therein, he, besides other Princely Rewards, honoured him with a Naval-beaked Crown, the second which was given of that kind.

The unhappy *Pompey*, who, before this great Overthrow, was Master of a numerous and potent Fleet, fled but with six or seven to *Asia*, hoping to find a favourable Reception from *Anthony*, in Requital of past Favours; but, instead of that, he met with Dishonour, Chains, and at last an ignominious Death: Providence, by a remarkable Dispensation, making the three different Parts of the then known World the Scene of the last Moments of the three fa-

Octavius beaten at Sea by Pompey.

Transports going with Troops to Lepidus taken.

Lepidus makes a Treaty under-hand with Pompey.

^k *Cilbarusio, between Tindaro and Messina.*

Agrippa entirely vanquishes Pompey's Fleet.

Pompey ill treated, and put to Death by Anthony.

mous *Pompeys*; the Father being slain in *Africk*, the youngest Son in *Europe*, and this at *Miletus* in *Asia*. The same Year *Cæsar* came to an open Rupture with *Lepidus*, who aimed at keeping *Sicily* in his own Hands; but his Troops deserting him, he was soon reduced to Obedience; however *Cæsar* pardoned him, and suffered him to live a private Life at *Rome* with the Office of *Pontifex Maximus*.

Octavius reduces Lepidus.

The Reasons of Octavius his Quarrel with Anthony.

Octavius had now got rid of one Competitor for the supreme Power, and, being desirous to have it all in his own Hands, *Anthony* was next to be subdued, whose Conduct, indeed, was of late very unworthy of his Character, and furnished *Octavius* with very reasonable Pretences for a War; for, besides the Injuries done to his Sister by *Anthony's* Disregard to her, and giving himself up to the Love of *Cleopatra*, his Crimes of a publick Nature were, that he declared that Princess Queen of *Ægypt*, *Lybia*, *Cyprus*, and the lower *Syria*, associating with her *Cæsario*, the Son she had by *Julius Cæsar*; and as to the Children he had by her himself, he caused *Alexander*, the eldest, to be proclaimed King of *Armenia*, *Media*, and *Parthia*, and *Ptolemy*, the other Son, of *Phœnicia*, *Upper Syria*, and *Cilicia*. After several Reproaches by Letters on both sides, *Octavius* declared War against *Cleopatra*, and, by Decree of the Senate, divested *Anthony* of his Authority; who thereupon ordered *Canidius*, his General, to pass with all Expedition with sixteen Legions over to *Europe*, himself, with *Cleopatra*, coming to *Ephesus*, where his Lieutenants had assembled eight hundred Sail of Ships, of which *Cleopatra* furnished two hundred, with twenty thousand Talents, and Provision for all his Forces. Early the next Spring *Octavius* seized upon the Island *Corcyra*, which was contained in *Anthony's* Partition of the Empire, and crossed over with his Army into *Epirus*. *Anthony* had passed the Winter at *Patrae* in *Peloponnesus*, but the greatest part of his Fleet lay near *Actium*, at the Entrance of the Gulph of *Ambracia*, where also was his Army encamped ashore. *Octavius* having landed his Troops in *Epirus*, ordered them to march towards *Actium*, and himself repairing with the Fleet to that Place, offered *Anthony* Battel, whose Gallies were not then ready for an Engagement, having but very few Men; however, he put them in a fighting Posture, with their Oars a-peck, as if he intended to bear down upon *Octavius*; who thereupon stood off to Sea, without shewing any Intentions to engage. *Anthony* being perfectly well acquainted with the Country thereabouts, cut off the Water from *Octavius's* Camp on every side, which very much distressed his Army; but the Success of *Agrippa* in taking *Corinth*, *Patrae*, and *Leucadia* about this time, much revived the Soldiers of *Octavius*, and occasioned the coming over to him of some of the principal Persons about *Anthony*; who, after several Deliberations whether he should trust his Empire and Life to the Decision of a Battel by Land or Sea, at last determined on the latter. He was, indeed, greatly superior to his Enemy; for *Octavius's* Fleet consisted but of two hundred and fifty Sail, whereas he had

Canidius Anthony's General, Anthony's Fleet at Ephesus.
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no Golfo di Larta. Octavius comes with his Fleet and Army to Actium, and offers Anthony Battel.

Anthony cuts off the Water from Octavius his Camp.

Determines on a Battel at sea.

had five hundred, and those of a much greater Magnitude than the other's, there being great Numbers of six, and some of nine Tire of Oars, with Towers erected on them, so that they appeared like floating Castles; the Water seeming to groan under their Weight, and the Winds to labour in driving them along. In *Anthony's Army* were a hundred thousand Foot, and twelve thousand Horse; in *Octavius's*, which was opposite to it, on the other side of the Gulph, were the like Number of Horse, and ninety two thousand Foot; and the former put on board his Fleet two and twenty thousand fighting Men, with two thousand Archers. The Battel was deferred by both Parties for some Days on account of the Badness of the Weather, but when it proved fair, the two Fleets bore up to each other, *Anthony* taking upon himself the Command of his Right Wing, assisted by *Publicola*; *Cælius* had the Left, and *Marcus Octavius*, with *Marcus Justinius* were in the Centre. *Agrippa* commanded in the Left of the Enemy, and *Octavius* in the Right. *Anthony* in a Yacht went about his Fleet, and encouraged his Officers to behave with their accustomed Bravery and Resolution, directing the Pilots to keep the Ships constantly in their Stations during the Battel; and telling the Soldiers that the Largeness of their Vessels gave them Opportunity of fighting as firmly, and with as much Assurance as on Land. *Octavius*, in like manner, exhorted his Soldiers to do their Duty, and, among other things, told them, that *the Enemy's Ships were laden indeed, but not manned; and that if they exceeded in Multitude of Men, he surpassed them in Number of Soldiers.*

Both sides prepare for Fight.

All things being thus in Readiness on both sides, and the greatest Appearance that could be of an approaching Battel, *Octavius* had Intelligence sent him, that what Countenance soever *Anthony* put upon the Matter, *Cleopatra*, who was absolute Mistress of his Resolutions, being frighted by some ill Prefages which had lately happened, and the Scarcity of Provisions which already began to be in the Army, had persuaded him to determine on returning to *Ægypt*, so that they were only intent on making their Retreat in the handsomest manner they could. *Octavius*, taking his Measures according to these Advices, resolved not to interrupt their Design of retiring, but when they should be under Sail to charge them in their Rear, for his Ships being of a light Built, and consequently much the best Sailors, he thought he might easily come up with them, and by the Terror such a Proceeding would produce, oblige most of them to surrender. But *Agrippa* being apprehensive that the Enemy might be too quick for them, and, by the help of their Oars and Sails, (of both which they were well provided) make their Escape; and observing that *Octavius* his Ships and Men had suffered very much by the late bad Weather, which had happened to be more violent in the Gulph than in the Road, he prevailed with him to change his Design, and immediately attack them; so that having directed some of his principal Officers to go about the Fleet in Pinnaces, and not only give the necessary Orders to those who fought the Ships, but advise him from time to time of the Posture

Agrippa prevails with Octavius to attack Anthony's Fleet.

of Affairs, he advanced ahead of his Fleet (which followed at some Distance) to take a nearer View of the Enemy; who being drawn up before the Entrance of the Gulph, made no other Motion upon his Approach than increasing the Number of their head-moſt Ships, which was contrary to *Octavius's* Expectation, who thought they would have bore away; ſo that he, in ſome Confuſion, cauſed his Gallies to lie on their Oars, and then changed his Order of Battel, diſpoſing the Fleet in form of a Half-Moon. Now *Anthony*, who had hitherto immoveably kept his Station, fearing to be ſurrounded, advanced againſt *Octavius*, and the Battel began, wherein the Ships of the latter, as the Fight was managed, had greatly the Advantage; for being incomparably more light and nimble than the others, they bore up againſt them with incredible Swiftneſs, and having damaged them with their Beaks, retired with the ſame Celerity. *Anthony's* People, by reaſon of the Bulk and Unwieldineſs of his Ships, were unable to purſue, but endeavoured to remedy that Defect by pouring down Showers of Stones and Darts upon their Enemies as they approach'd, attempting at the ſame time to grapple them with their Irons, wherein, if they ſucceeded, they preſently ſunk them at their ſides, the Certainty of which Deſtruction made the Enemy rely wholly on their Swiftneſs, and Dexterity to avoid a cloſe Fight; ſo that the Fleet of *Anthony* might juſtly be compared to a ſtrong Body of Infantry, which keeping its Ground, ſuſtains the Enemy's Attacks; and that of *Octavius* to Squadrons of light Horſe which briskly charge and retreat.

The Victory hung long in ſuſpenſe, being bravely and obſtinate-ly diſputed on both ſides, when at length *Cleopatra*, who lay at Anchor with fixty Sail in the Port, ſeeing ſo bloody a Conteſt, and being doubtful which way Fortune would incline, could no longer bear the Uncertainty of the Event, but, in no ſmall Terror, cauſed the Signal to be made for weighing, and with full Sails paſſing through *Anthony's* Fleet, put them in great Diſorder; who no ſooner ſaw them got clear, and ſteering Southward, as if they made for *Egypt*, but, unable to ſupport the Thoughts of *Cleopatra's* Abſence, he immediately went into his Barge, and, accompanied with only two of his Domeſticks, made all the haſte he could after her: Thus, abandoning all Thoughts of Honour and Safety, and playing the Part of a cowardly Soldier, while each of his Men performed the Office of a courageous General. For tho' this baſe Deſertion of his could not but ſomewhat diſhearten them, yet the Battel continued for ſeveral Hours after; nor could *Octavius* at laſt have won the Day, had he not made ſeveral unuſual and extraordinary Efforts of Courage and Bravery. He would very gladly have made himſelf Maſter of the Fleet, if poſſible, without doing any great Execution among the Ships, becauſe of the imminent Riches they had on board; but finding the obſtinate Defence *Anthony's* People made, he at length gave Orders for ſetting them on fire, whereupon his Men hurled flaming Darts, Torches, and Pots filled with Pitch, and burning Coals, into them, and plied them with ſuch Quantities of theſe Combuſtibles, that they were ſoon in Flames. *Anthony's* Soldiers had now ſo much

Work

*Cleopatra flies
with fixty
Sail.*

*Anthony fol-
lows Cleopa-
tra*

*Octavius or-
ders Antho-
ny's Ships to
be ſet on fire.*

Work on their Hands, some in endeavouring to extinguish the Flames, some in attempting to secure the valuable Effects, and others to repulse the Enemy, that *Octavius's* People made a very great Slaughter. Some, upon their being attacked in this Distraction, leaped into the Sea, others were smothered in the Smoak, and many were burnt alive, the Wind spreading the Fire with great Violence. *Octavius* at last obtained the Victory, and finding no more Resistance, gave order for extinguishing the Flames, from which three hundred Ships were rescued, and with them, and the rest of his Fleet, he intended to pursue *Anthony* and *Cleopatra*, but found they were gone too far for him to come up with them. The Army which *Anthony* left ashore having been seven Days without receiving any Advices from him, at length surrendered themselves; and the same Day that *Octavius* made himself Master of the Ships, he consecrated to *Apollo* (who had a celebrated Temple at *Actium*) a Gally of each rate from three Tire of Oars to ten; causing not long after to be built a City on the opposite side of the Gulph, which he called *Nicopolis*, as an eternal Monument of so signal a Victory.

Anthony's Army surrenders to Octavius.

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a Now *Preveza*.

Agrippa was shortly after sent back to *Italy* with a Body of Troops, to prevent any Commotions which might happen there, *Octavius* himself repairing to *Athens*, and from thence to *Samos*; mean while *Anthony* parted with *Cleopatra* off the *o* Promontory *Tanarium*, whom he advised to proceed to *Ægypt*, there to appease any Disorders which might arise upon the News of this Defeat; and he following her soon after, was informed that his Troops in *Lybia* had revolted, and that his Army in *Syria* was ready to do the like. Arriving at *Alexandria*, he found *Cleopatra* attempting a stupendous Piece of Work, which was the carrying her Gallies over-land from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, that so, if the Necessity of her Affairs should require it, she might escape, with her immense Riches, to some Country in the East, and avoid the Dishonour of submitting to *Octavius*. But several of these Gallies, with the Carriages, being burnt by the People of *Arabia Petræa*, who united against her, she laid aside that Design, and set about securing her Ports and Harbours toward the Mediterranean, resolving to conquer, or die in her own Dominions.

o *Cape Matapan.*

Anthony follows Cleopatra to Ægypt.

Cleopatra attempts to carry her Gallies by Land to the Red Sea.

Octavius was by this time arrived in *Ægypt*, where *Cornelius Gallus* had seized *Parætonium* for him; and *Anthony*, with his Troops, and a considerable Number of Ships, resolving to dislodge them, came before the Place. *Gallus* made a successful Sally, wherein the Besiegers received some Loss both in their Army and Fleet, and then bethought himself of this Stratagem: He, in the Mouth of the Port of *Parætonium*, caused Chains to be laid in the Night under Water, and the next Day kept no Guards about the Harbour, as if he had feared nothing from the Enemy on that side, who thereupon tumultuously entered the Port with their Ships; which they had no sooner done, but by certain Engines the Chains were hawled up, and their Retreat cut off; and *Gallus* at the same time assailing them from all Parts, burnt or sunk much the greatest Number of them.

Anthony comes before Parætonium.

His Ships burnt or sunk.

P Damiatia.

Anthony
takes Pharos,
&c.

but
is beaten, and
his Fleet goes
over to Octa-
vius.
Anthony and
Cleopatra.
kill them-
selves.

The next Day *Anthony* receiving Advice that *Octavius* had made himself Master of ^P*Pelusium*, he rais'd the Siege, and with the Remains of his Fleet advanced to *Alexandria*, where he hoped to make an easy Conquest of *Octavius's* Troops, since they were fatigued and spent with a long Voyage at Sea. He presently, by means of his Fleet, possessed himself of the Island *Pharos*, and engaging with the Enemy ashore, put them to Flight, with which little Success being encouraged, he again gave the Enemy Battel, but his Troops being defeated, and his Fleet going over to *Octavius*, he, in this desperate Posture of Affairs, soon after stabbed himself; and his Death was presently followed by that of *Cleopatra*, who to avoid the Shame of making Part of *Octavius's* Triumph, poisoned her self, as hath been generally believed, by the Application of Asps to her Arms. *Octavius* having reduced *Ægypt* into the Form of a Province, appointed *Gallus* to govern it, and making a Progress through *Syria*, and the *Lesser Asia*, returned to *Rome*, where he was received with an universal Joy and Satisfaction, as a Person who had put an End to the Miseries and Calamities which had so long reigned in the greatest Part of the World. He triumphed three Days for *Illyricum*, for the Battel of *Actium*, and the Conquest of *Ægypt*, with extraordinary Splendor and Magnificence; after which he made a Disposition of his Naval Forces in the most convenient Places of the Empire, in the manner we have related in the first Book, that they might be ready upon any Emergency.

C H A P. XVIII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Romans, from the Establishment of the Empire by Augustus to the Dissolution thereof by the Irruptions of the barbarous Nations.

Little mari-
time Affairs
till Constantine
the Great.

THE Roman Empire being thus settled by *Octavius*, (who now assumed the Name of *Augustus*;) its Dominions brought almost to their utmost Extent, and the whole established in Peace; there happened from this Time till the Days of *Constantine the Great*, very few Naval Wars, so that the maritime Affairs of three Centuries will come within a narrow Compass. Not that it is to be supposed that the World was in Peace all this while; for scarce in any Period of Time have there been more violent Wars, but their Fury raged mostly in inland Countries. There it was that *Varus* and his Legions were cut to pieces by the *Germans*. There it was that *Drusus* fell, after having slain infinite Multitudes of those People: And thither it was that *Tiberius* was sent nine times by *Augustus* to harass and subdue the then barbarous Inhabitants of *Germany*. These Wars were followed by those with the *Getæ*, beyond the ^a*Ister*, and the *Sarmats*, on the other side of the *Vistula*, and the ^b*Borysthenes*:
till

Year of the
World 3941.
Before Christ,
7.

^a Danube.

^b Nieper.

till at length the *Goths* of several Denominations, the *Alans*, *Hunns*, *Vandals*, *Franks*, *Saxons*, and other immense Swarms of *Barbarians*, without Number or Name, broke in upon the Empire, some of them passing over the *Danube* into *Greece* and *Italy*, some over the *Rhine* into *Gaul* and *Spain*, and others crossing the Ocean into *Britain*. All this while there seemed to be a general Tranquillity at Sea, by the few Accounts we have of Transactions there, and that they made no other Use of Shipping than for Trade, or the bare Transportation of Forces.

The first Naval Occurrence we meet with after *Augustus* is in the time of his Successor *Tiberius*, when *Germanicus* took the ^c Island of the *Batavi*, subdued the *Sicambri*, and defeated the ^d *Bructeri* in a Sea Fight at the Mouth of the River ^e *Amisus*. The Fleet he made use of in this Expedition consisted of a thousand Sail, which he caused to be built on purpose of a peculiar Structure, for they were between Ships of War and those of Burthen, being not so long as the first, and longer than the latter, bellying out in the Waste for the greater Convenience of Stowage; and they were yet more particularly remarkable for having no Poop, one End being equally sharp and pointed with the other, with a Rudder at both, the Reason of which Singularity was because of the many Turnings and Windings of the Channels in those Parts, and the extreme Difficulty of Navigation. After the Defeat of the Enemy, he, sailing into the Ocean, lost the greatest Part of his Fleet in a Storm, several of them being swallowed up in Whirlpools, and others driven away to the ^f *Orcades* Islands. Some Ships were sent, when the Tempest was appeased, in quest of those that were dispersed, and after they were re-assembled, the People on board related the most dreadful Stories of strange Kinds of Birds, frightful Sea Monsters, Men of unusual Form, and other such Fancies which their Fear suggested to them.

During the Reigns of *Caligula*, *Claudius*, *Nero*, and *Galba*, there happened little remarkable at Sea, the latter of whom was succeeded by *Otho*, and he by *Vitellius*; but between *Otho's* and *Vitellius's* Forces there was a Naval Encounter in the Mouth of the ^g *Padus*, and *Otho* with the stationary Fleet at *Misenum* possessed himself of ^h *Gallia Narbonensis*. About this time sprung up an Impostor, who pretending to be the Emperor *Nero*, made some Disturbance, but his mock Reign was of a very short Date; for *Calpurnius Asprenas* being then Governor of *Galatia* and *Pamphylia*, he, among the Islands of the *Ægean*, hearing some of his Lieutenants had been solicited by this *Nero* to a Revolt, sent out a small Squadron of Ships, with which the Impostor engaging, he lost his Life in the Conflict, not but that he defended himself with greater Bravery than was suitable to the Character of the Emperor he personated.

Upon the News of *Otho's* Death, (who slew himself after the Overthrow of his Forces by *Vitellius*), *Vespasian*, being then in *Judæa* with a great Army, aspired to the Empire, and sent *Mucianus* before him to carry on that Design, who assembling a small Fleet in the *Euxine*, repaired to *Byzantium*, and there increasing them, made the best of his Way for *Italy*, where he seized *Brun-*
dusium

^c Province of Holland.
^d Groeningen and Embden
^e Embs.
After the Birth of Christ, 18.
Germanicus defeats the Bructeri at Sea.

Several of the Ships with Germanicus lost in bad Weather. f Orkney Isles.

A Rencontre at Sea between the Ships of Otho and Vitellius. g Po. h Languedoc and Provence.

A Counterfeit Nero overtake at Sea

Vespasian, on the Death of Otho, aspires to the Empire.

¹ Taranto.
² Terre d'O-
 tranto.
³ Basilicate.

Anicetus
 who armed
 for Vitellius
 invents a new
 sort of Ships.

^m Trebi-
 zonde.

Virbius Ge-
 minus builds
 a Fleet for
 Vespasian,
 and burns A-
 nicetus's
 Ships.

The Batavi, in
 Aid of Vespasian sur-
 prize Vitelli-
 us's Fleet.

ⁿ Monaco.
^o Isles of Hy-
 cres.

All submit to
 Vespasian.

A. D. 267.

^p The Danube.

Gallienus's
 Admiral de-
 feats the
 Fleet of the
 Scythians.

A S. northward
 near Varna in
 Bulgaria upon
 the Euxine
 Sea.

A. D. 267.
 Claudius over-
 comes the
 Scythians,
 Gauls, &c.
 at Sea.

dufum and ¹ *Tarentum*, and made himself Master of ^k *Calabria* and ^l *Lucania*. The opposite Party were unable to make any Resistance at Sea, the Fleet at *Misenum* having but one Legion aboard; and that at *Ravenna*, wavering in its Fidelity to *Vitellius*, did not act at all in his behalf: But while *Mucianus* with the Fleet of *Pontus*, now without a Guard, was thus successful in *Italy*, a War broke out in that Kingdom under the Conduct of *Anicetus*, who took up Arms for *Vitellius*. He invented a new Kind of Ships something resembling the Description we have of *Noah's Ark*, and having got together a considerable Number of Vessels of that Built, seized on ^m *Trapezus*, and other Cities of *Asia*, and by his great Successes began to acquire a considerable Reputation. *Vespasian*, upon Advice of these Proceedings, dispatched *Virbius Geminus* against him, an able and experienced Officer, who, when he set out on this Service had not so much as one Ship with him, but with great Dispatch caused Timber to be cut down, and built a Fleet, with which he, in the very first Encounter, forced *Anicetus* to betake himself to Land, and setting fire to his Ships, soon after constrained him to surrender, and put him to Death. In another Part of the World the *Batavi* took the Part of *Vespasian*, who, under the Conduct of *Civilis* and *Cannefas*, their Generals, surprized *Vitellius's* Fleet of twenty four Sail in the Mouth of the *Rhine*; soon after which *Lucilius Bassus*, Admiral of the Fleet at *Ravenna*, declared for *Vespasian*: And *Fabius Valens*, an Officer of *Vitellius's*, being drove by bad Weather from before *Pisa* to the Port of ⁿ *Hercules Monæcus*, and thence to the ^o Islands *Stæchades*, *Valerius Paulinus*, who commanded in those Parts for *Vespasian*, sent some light Frigates against him, which defeated and took him Prisoner, whereupon all submitted to the Conquerour, the Fleet at *Miscnum* revolted, and *Spain*, *Gaul*, and *Germany* declared for him: Which was soon followed by the Murder of *Vitellius*.

After a long Series of succeeding Emperors, during whose Time we meet with nothing remarkable at Sea, *Gallienus* came to the Imperial Purple, who commissioned *Cleodamus* and *Athenæus*, two Citizens of *Byzantium*, to inspect the Condition of the maritime Towns, and rebuild such as were gone to decay: And in his Time the *Scythians*, crossing the *Euxine*, entered the Mouth of the ^p *Ister*, and committing terrible Devastations in the *Roman* Provinces on that side, *Venerianus*, Admiral of *Gallienus's* Fleet lying at *Byzantium*, engaged them, and gave them a signal Defeat; notwithstanding which, these *Scythians* (united and intermixed with the *Goths*, so much celebrated in after Times) in a short time repaired their Loss, and with immense Multitudes, and a Fleet of two thousand Sail, renewed the War. Off ^q *Marcianopolis* in *Mæsia*, the Emperor *Claudius*, who succeeded *Gallienus*, came to an Engagement with them, who, by his extraordinary Valour and Conduct, overthrew those barbarous Nations, and made an incredible Slaughter of them, killing and making Prisoners three hundred thousand Men, nor took he less than two thousand Ships; so that whole Houses were filled with their Targets, Shields, Swords, Lances, and other Habilliments

biliments of War; of all which the Emperor gave an Account in writing to the Senate. *Claudius* was succeeded by *Aurelian*; he by *Tacitus*, and *Tacitus* by *Probus*, which Prince having reduced all *Germany* to his Obedience, planted a prodigious Multitude of the *Franks* (then inhabiting in and about that Circle of the Empire now called *Franconia*) that he had taken Prisoners in the War, along the Coasts of the *Euxine* Sea, with Design to curb the *Scythians* by a People of the like Rudeness and Ferocity with themselves: But it was followed by an Event very different from what he proposed.

The Emperor Probus plants the Franks along the Euxine, to curb the Scythians.

He was succeeded by his Son *Carus*, and his Successor, after *Numerius* and *Carinus*, was *Dioclesian*, about which time happened a memorable Naval Event, whereby, if the greatest Courage, Dexterity and Dispatch had not been used to prevent it, the *Roman* Empire had then gone near to have been rent in pieces by the formidable Power of *Barbarians* at Sea. There was one *Carausius*, a Native of the Country of the *Menapii*, who had acquired a singular Reputation for his Courage and Bravery in several military Exploits, but especially at Sea; and the *Cimbri*, *Saxons*, and other maritime People of *Germany*, very much infesting the *British* Seas at this time, *Carausius* was thought considerable enough to have committed to him the Defence of the Provinces against these *Barbarians*: Which Power he employed only to serve his own Interest and Profit, with little or no Detriment to the Enemy. For these Pirates ravaging the Coasts as cruelly as ever, he took no Care to attack them but at a time when he knew they were very richly laden with Booty; when, using them like Sponges, he seized their Wealth, and set them at liberty, never executing any of them, nor restoring the Effects to their Owners, nor laying them apart for the publick Treasury, but applied all to his own Use. *Dioclesian*, upon Notice of this Behaviour of his, gave Orders to *Constantius* and *Maximin* to cut him off, the readiest Way to do which *Maximin* thought was by the Hands of a *Ruffian*, and therefore employed one for that Purpose. *Carausius*, finding what was in Agitation against him, began to think his only Security lay in his Boldness, and therefore since he might no longer have the Command of the *British* Fleet, (as that under his Direction was called) he resolved to set up for the Dominion, not only of the Province of *Britain*, but of the World it self, and try his Chance for the Empire. This he did with such a full Consent of his Army, which was very considerable, that never was the Imperial Purple assumed with greater Applause of the Soldiers; for in these Days every little Army thought themselves invested with a Power of disposing of the Empire.

Flanders and Brabant.

Carausius appointed to guard the British Seas from Pirates.

Dioclesian gives Orders to cut off Carausius.

Carausius sets up for the Imperial Dignity.
A. D. 287.

To support these Pretensions, he, besides the whole *Roman* Fleet in the Ocean, which he had under his Command by virtue of his Office, caused a prodigious Number of Ships of the like Force to be built, assembling People from all Parts for the carrying on of this Armament; and this he did with the more Confidence, for that having perfectly secured the *Roman* Fleet in his Interest, he knew *Constantius* and *Maximin* must be at the Disadvantage of building

Builds a great Fleet.

one, and employing none but raw Men both at the Oar and Sail. They, on the other hand, being sensible of the Importance of the Business they were engaged in, divided the Work between them; so that *Maximin* from the Naval Arsenals on the *Rhine* fitted out a Fleet of a thousand Sail; and *Constantius* took upon himself to deal with the Enemy by Land. Hearing that *Carausius* was at *Portus Gessoriacus*, and continued there not only to found the Minds of the *Gauls*, but to excite them to a Revolt, he advanced thither with his Army, it being a well fortified Town, and the most considerable in those Parts; but *Carausius* having the Sea open, so as that he might supply the Place from time to time both with Men and Provisions, very little regarded *Constantius's* Attempts by Land, who being as sensible as they of this Advantage, resolved to deprive them of it, and therefore caused a prodigious Number of large Trees to be cut down which were fixed like Piles in the Mouth of the Harbour; when throwing in immense Quantities of Earth and Sand, he in a short time blocked it up, notwithstanding the Violence of the Waves, and all the Efforts *Carausius* made to interrupt the Workmen; who amazed at this stupendous Work, thought it not safe to trust to the Walls any longer, now his Communication by Sea was cut off, and, under Favour of a tempestuous Night, escaping with a few Followers through the *Roman* Camp, went on board a Frigate, wherein he got over to his Fleet and Army in *Britain*; but he soon repented his hasty Resolution, when it was known by him that the Day after he had left the Place, the Sea had carried away all *Constantius's* Work.

We took Notice but now of the Emperor *Probus's* transplanting a great Number of the *Franks* to the Coasts of the *Euxine* Sea, with a view of making them Enemies to the *Scythians* and *Barbarians* in those Parts; but their Similitude of Manners, and Enmity to the *Roman* Name, soon made them good Friends; so that uniting their Forces together, they embarked aboard an incredible Number of Ships, and passing through the *Thracian Bosphorus*, came down into the Mediterranean, which they filled from East to West with their Depredations. They seized and burnt *Syracuse*, whence proceeding Westward, they passed through the Streights of *Gades*; and having committed terrible Devastations on the Sea along the Coasts of *Spain* and *Africk*, they returned laden with Spoils, and, without any Opposition, arrived at their Habitations in *Pontus*. *Carausius*, tho' divided by so many Countries from these People, made a League with them, in pursuance whereof they equipped another Fleet as numerous as the former, and came down again to the Streights of *Gades*, with intent to proceed round and join his Fleet in the *British* Ocean. Never was a greater Terrour spread throughout the *Roman* Empire, for there was no Safety in any Place where these Pirates could have Access with their Ships: So that Trade and Merchandise lay dead; for if in Summer, the Season for Navigation, they adventured to Sea, they could go no where without falling into the Hands of the *Barbarians*, and if in Winter, they became a Sacrifice to the Winds and Storms, tho' of the two the latter

Maximin prepares a Fleet against him.

f Boulogne.

Constantius goes against Carausius with an Army.

Constantius blocks up the Harbour of Portus Gessoriacus.

Carausius flies to Britain.

The Franks and Scythians do great Mischief to the Romans.

Carausius makes a League with them. They do great Mischief to the Sea.

ter were the gentler Enemies: nor is it to be doubted that if a Junction of the two Fleets had happen'd, pursuant to the Project between *Carausius* and the *Franks*, it would have given a terrible Shock to the *Roman* Power. In this Situation of Affairs Dispatch was of the last Importance; wherefore *Constantius*, taking under his Command the thousand Sail of Ships which *Maximin* had got ready in the Mouth of the *Rhine*, assembling several others, and causing more new ones to be run up with the greatest Expedition, he disposed several Squadrons in convenient Stations along the Coasts of *Britain*, *Gaul*, and *Spain*, as far as *Gades*, to prevent *Carausius* his bringing his Naval Forces together, and attempting to join the *Franks*. Then, with the main Body of the Fleet, he proceeded to meet those People who had by this time pass'd the Streights of *Gades*, and in few Days came up with them. He first by several slight Skirmishes tried their Strength, and the manner of their fighting, when attacking them with his whole Fleet, they came to a general Engagement, wherein he gave them so absolute and entire a Defeat, that there was not a Man left to return to *Pontus*, nor was there in that Country so much as the Name of a *Frank* ever after heard of. A brave and successful Captain he was, that by so prudent a Distribution of his Forces, and by one well-timed Battel, could restore Peace and Security to the World.

Constantius goes with a Fleet against Carausius and his Allies.

The Franks and Scythians entirely defeated at Sea.

After this Victory, *Constantius* returned to *Gaul*, in order to pass with his Land-Forces over to *Britain* against *Carausius*, who had taken up his Residence in that Island; but while he was preparing for this Expedition, *Carausius* was murdered by one *Allectus* his familiar Friend, who thereupon assumed the Purple, tho' not Master of one of *Carausius*'s good Qualities to countenance his Presumption. Having Advice that *Constantius* lay in the Mouth of the *Sequana*, he rendezvous'd his Fleet at the *Island Vectis*, with a full Resolution to fight the Enemy, if Opportunity should offer. *Constantius* weigh'd Anchor from the *Sequana* with the same Design, but a thick Fog coming up, the two Fleets miss'd each other, and he landed in *Britain* before *Allectus* had any certain Intelligence of his being put to Sea. When all his Troops were disembarked, he ordered the Ships to be burnt, that they might be sensible there was no returning, unless they came off Conquerors. *Allectus*, as soon as he had Advice of the Enemy's Landing, came also on shore, but declining a Battel with *Constantius*, fell in with *Asclepiodatus*, his Lieutenant; and finding in the first Charge his Troops give way, he threw of his Imperial Robes with the same Rashness he had put them on, and rushing among the thickest of the Enemy, was slain without Distinction. *Constantius*, upon this Victory, behaved himself with great Moderation, nor permitted he any of the Islanders to suffer either in their Lives or Fortunes.

Carausius is murdered in Britain. and Allectus assumes the Purple.

Seine. s. Isle of Wight.

Allectus overcame by Constantius, and slain.

Upon the Resignation of *Dioclesian* and *Maximian*, *Constantius* and *Galerius* became Emperors, and divided the *Roman* World between them. The first had *Italy*, *Africk*, *Spain*, *Gaul*, *Britain*, and that part of *Germany* next the *Rhine*; and the latter *Greece*, *Illyricum*, *Asia*, and *Egypt*, with the Countries on the other side

A. D. 292. The Roman Empire divided between Constantius and Galerius.

the *Danube*. But *Constantius*, like a prudent Husbandman, would keep no more in his Hands than he could well cultivate, and therefore resigned his Pretensions to *Italy* and *Africa*, which were thereupon committed by *Galerius* to his eldest Son *Severus*, as at the same time *Asia* was to his youngest Son *Maximin*; himself, as Arbitrator on the World, taking up his Residence in *Illyricum*, that so he might on one hand be in the Neighbourhood of *Italy* and the West, and of the other of *Asia* and the East. In the mean time *Maxentius*, the Son of *Maximian*, was saluted Emperor at *Rome* by the Praetorian Cohorts, against whom *Severus* advanced with an Army; but his Troops deserting him, he fled to *Ravenna*, and was there slain. *Maximian* began now to entertain Thoughts of resuming the Empire, and endeavoured to cut off his Son *Maxentius*, but failing in that Design, he fled into *Gaul* to *Constantine*, (the Son of *Constantius* lately deceased) who had married his Daughter. He tampered with that Lady to procure the Death of her Husband, but she rightly preferring the Duty of a Wife to that of a Daughter, discovered the Matter to *Constantine*, who, in his own Defence, having caused *Maximian* to be slain, he marched into *Italy* against *Maxentius*, and coming to a Battle with him under the Walls of *Rome*, gave him an entire Defeat, wherein *Maxentius* attempting to get over the Bridge of *Milvius*, fell into the River, and was drowned.

Licinius had married the Sister of *Constantine*, and being assumed by him his Partner in the Empire, was to have the East for his Division. *Maximin*, the Son of *Galerius*, beforementioned, being in Possession of those Countries, marched with a great Army against *Licinius*, but by the way died of a sudden Distemper, or, as others say, by the Sword; so that now *Constantine* and *Licinius* were only remaining (for by this time *Galerius* also was dead) to divide the Empire between them, of which one possessed the West, and the other the East; and the *Hellefpont* being the common Boundary to both, gave occasion to a Naval War between them. *Licinius*, not contented with *Asia*, would also have some footing in *Europe*, and seized on part of *Thrace*, with the Cities ^a *Adrianopolis* and ^b *Byzantium*: whereupon *Constantine* repaired with a great Army to ^c *Thyralonica*, and reflecting of how great Importance to his Affairs it would be, if he could first make himself Master of the Streights between *Europe* and *Asia*, he gave Orders for assembling all the Ships of *Greece*, *Dalmatia*, and *Illyricum* at the *Portus Pivans* in *Attica*, where accordingly rendezvoused two hundred Gallies of thirty Oars each, and two thousand Ships of Burthen which might, by fixing on of Blaks, be made fit for War. *Licinius*, at the same time, being apprehensive lest the Enemy should seize the *Bosphorus*, *Propontis*, and *Hellefpont*, and thereby cut off his Communication with his great Armies in *Asia*, also set about getting ready a Fleet, and issued out Orders to all his maritime Provinces for that purpose. In a short time *Thracia* provided thirty Gallies of three Tiers of Oars, *Aegypt* as many, the People of *Doris* and *Ionia* sixty, the *Cypriots* thirty, the People of *Caria* twenty, the *Bithyrians* thirty, and the *Africans* fifty. And now *Raufimodus*, King

of the *Sauromati*, crossing the *Ister* with a great Army, diverted *Constantine* for a while from his Naval Affairs, who proceeding against him, forced him to repass the River, and cloisly purloining, gave him an entire Defeat, taking a great Number of Prisoners.

Raufimodus,
King of the
Sauroman, over-
come by
Constantine.

On his Return to *Theffalonica*, he gave Orders for the Fleet to proceed from *Piræus* to the *Hellefpont*, where the Enemy's Fleet were by this time assembled under the Command of *Abantus*. *Constantine's* Officers having particular Regard to the Narrowness of the Place they were to fight in, drew out only eighty of their small Gallies for their Line of Battel against the numerous Fleet of *Licinius*, consisting of Gallies all of three Tire of Oars. The Enemy relied wholly on this Advantage of their Superiority of Force, and thought of nothing more than driving *Constantine's* People before them, while they, on the other hand, sustained the Enemy's Attack in a firm and compact Order, fearing nothing if they could but support the first Charge. This Behaviour of theirs so broke the Enemy's Measures, that *Constantine's* People now became the Assailants, and the Enemy began to retire out of the *Hellefpont* in Disorder, whom they vigorously charged in that Confusion, some on their Broad side, some a stern, and others a-head, without fear now of being surrounded by so scattered a Fleet, tho' so much more numerous. *Abantus* behaved the whole Day with singular Courage and Bravery, and frequently rallying his flying Ships, renewed the Battel for a while, but at length Night coming on, the two Fleets were separated. *Constantine's* Gallies retired to *Eleus*, just without the Streight, where lay the rest of the Fleet; and *Licinius's* to *Æantium* in the *Hellefpont* up towards *Byzantium*. The next Day *Abantus* sailing out with his Ships as if he would come to another Engagement, found the Coast clear, and no Appearance of the Enemy; but soon receiving Advice that they lay at *Eleus*, where they were increased with thirty Sail more, he began to consider whether he had best to proceed and attack them there, or wait their Motions in the Place where they had fought the Day before. While he was deliberating hereupon, the Wind came up at N.W. and with such Violence, that his whole Fleet was cast away upon the *Asiatick* Shore near *Lampfacus*, where perished a hundred and thirty Ships with all the Seamen and Soldiers on board; *Abantus* himself with great Difficulty cleaving with only four small Vessels into *Asia*. Thither *Licinius* also made a shift to cleave from *Byzantium*, where he was besieged by *Constantine*, who, upon Advice of his Arrival there, put his Troops on board, and sailed over to *Chalcedon*, from whence he sent part of the Fleet to block up *Byzantium* by Sea, and prepared to fight *Licinius* ashore, who, having a very great Army, soon gave *Constantine* an Opportunity of coming to a Battel. Between *Chalcedon* and an ancient Temple of *Juno*, just at the Mouth of the *Thracian Bosphorus*, the two Armies met, and *Licinius* was totally defeated, losing very great Numbers on the spot; and tho' he himself escaped thence, yet was he soon after taken Prisoner, sent to *Theffalonica*, and suffered to live a few Days; but it was dangerous for a Man to be in Being who had once been at the Head of Affairs, in
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Constantine's
Fleet over-
come that of
Licinius.

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Licinius put
to Death.

so much that *Constantine* soon sent Orders for putting him to Death. Having settled the Affairs of *Asia*, he returned to *Byzantium*, the Inhabitants whereof then opening their Gates to him, he not only received their Submission, but forgave them; and attentively considering the Situation of the Place, began to think it worthy of being the Seat of the Empire; wherefore, resolving so to make it, he inclosed a very large Space of Ground to add to the City, erected a vast Number of fine Edifices, both publick and private, made *Forums*, *Circus's*, *Temples*, *Portico's*, and *Arches*, in like manner as was at *Rome*, and gave it the Name of *New Rome*; but Posterity has ever since continued to it his own.

Constantine
makes *Byzantium*
the Seat
of the Empire

Constantine, by this fatal Mistake of removing the Seat of the Empire, leaving *Italy* and the Western Provinces exposed to the barbarous Nations which lay ready to seize on so rich a Prey, the Empire so far declined in its Strength, that, in less than a hundred Years after, those Provinces were torn in pieces and destroyed by the Barbarians, and not only all other Parts of *Italy*, but *Rome* itself was pillaged, and entirely possessed by the *Goths*. Those Nations which made their Irruptions into the Empire about these Times having founded many different Kingdoms and States, several of which subsist to this Day, I shall go on to treat of the Naval Transactions of all such among them, as well as the other Nations of *Europe*, as have been considerable at Sea. Of these the *Goths* beforemention'd were the first who became celebrated, with an Account of whose Naval Wars I shall begin the next Book.





A General Chart of the Sea Coast of
EUROPE, AFRICA &
AMERICA.
 According to E. Wright's or Mercator's
 Projection. By H. Moll Geographer.

The Sea-Board from London



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HISTORY

Of the most Remarkable

TRANSACTIONS at SEA.

BOOK III.

Containing an Account of the most remarkable Naval Transactions of all Nations that, since the Ruin of the *Roman* Empire, have been considerable at Sea; and, among them, of the *English* down to the Revolution in the Year 1688.

CHAP. I.

Of the Naval Wars of the Goths.

THE *Goths* are generally supposed to have been originally a People of *Scandinavia*, where to this Day the most considerable Province of *Sweden* is called *Gotland*, and an adjacent Island in the *Baltick* Sea goes by the same Name. Here growing too populous for such narrow Bounds, they crossed the *Baltick* into *Germany*, where subduing the *Ulmerugi* and *Vandali*, they mixed among them, and part of them received those Names: Thence proceeding Southward,

The Successes
and Settle-
ments of the
Goths.
a Danubius.

ward, they settled in *Dacia*, where Dissensions arising among them, some marched into *Scythia*, and far down about the *Palus Mæotis*, and others crossing the *Ister* seated themselves in *Thrace*, and on the Coast of the *Euxine*, all which were from thenceforward called the *Ostrogoths*, or Eastern *Goths*; those which remained in *Dacia* being distinguished by the Name of *Visigoths*, or the *Goths* of the West. From the time of *Constantine* to that of *Valens* they remained somewhat quiet, but then taking up Arms, that Emperor marching against them, was cut off, with the greatest Part of his Army. In the Reign of *Arcadius* and *Honorius*, the *Visigoths* proceeding from the Banks of the *Ister*, under the Conduct of *Alaric*, took *Rome*, setting up *Attalus*, a Roman Citizen, for Emperor; and after this they marched into *Gaul* under the Command of *Audolphus*.

They cut off
the Army of
Valens.

Alaric takes
Rome.

A. D. 408.

The Vandals
and Alans do
great Mischief
to the Ro-
mans,

and make
Carthage the
Seat of their
Kingdom.
Genserich
takes and pil-
lages Rome,
and does other
Mischiefs.

About the same time the *Vandals*, that Nation of the *Goths* who had their Seats about the *Palus Mæotis*, joining themselves with the *Alans*, a neighbouring People, and headed by *Gogidiscus*, fell down into *Spain*, who having over-ran that Country, covered the Sea with their numerous Fleets; and every where turning out the *Roman* Garrisons, seized *Gades*, the Islands of *Sardinia*, *Majorca*, and *Minorca*, together with *Corfica*, and invading *Sicily*, possessed themselves of all the Country about *Panormus*. From hence they were invited into *Africa*, under their King *Genserich*, by *Bonifacius*, Governor of that Country for the Emperor *Valentinian* the third; where carrying every thing before them, and entirely dispossessing the *Romans*, they made *Carthage* the Seat of their Kingdom. *Genserich*, elated with this Success, passed with a great Fleet over to *Italy*, where taking *Rome*, and lading himself with the Spoils of that City, he returned to *Africk*. Hearing soon of the Death of *Valentinian*, he renewed his Excursions on the Coasts of *Sicily* and *Italy*, where he took several Cities, and levelled them with the Ground; whence proceeding Eastward, he did the like on the Coasts of *Greece* and *Illyricum*, and among the adjacent Islands; when returning back to *Sicily* and *Italy*, he burnt and destroyed whatsoever had escaped him in his former Expeditions.

Basiliscus and
two others
sent against
him.

Heraclius
beats his Fleet.

To repress these Insolences, the Emperor *Leo* sent out *Basiliscus*, his Wife's Brother, with a strong Squadron, and another under *Marcellianus* to *Sardinia*: A third Squadron he committed to *Heraclius*, who, off of *Tripolis*, gave the Enemy a notable Defeat, at which time if *Basiliscus* had attacked *Carthage*, there might have been an end put to the Power of the *Vandals* in *Africk*, and all would have reverted to the *Romans*. But *Leo* dying about this time, and both the Eastern and Western Empires being filled with intestine Disturbances, *Genserich* reigned quietly long after in *Africk*, and having extended his Dominions as far as *Aegypt* and *Æthiopia*, at length died, and transmitted them in Peace to his Successors, who maintained the same without Interruption till the Time of *Justinian*.

Justinian
sends a Fleet
against the
Vandals.

That Emperor fitted out a Fleet of five hundred Sail against *Gilimer*, then King of the *Vandals*, under the Command of *Calonymus*

of *Alexandria*, who had with him besides ninety two Gallies, with a sort of Covering to protect the Rowers from the Enemy, which they called *Dromones*, or Runners. There was also a considerable Body of Land-Forces got ready to be put on board, and a Commission was given to *Belisarius* to command the whole. *Gilimer*, upon Notice of these Preparations, likewise equipped a Fleet of a hundred and twenty Sail, giving the Charge thereof to his Brother *Tzazon*. *Epiphanius*, the Patriarch of *Constantinople*, having, with great Solemnity, bestowed his Benediction on the Emperor's Fleet, they weighed Anchor from *Constantinople*, and fell down the *Hellefpont* to *Abydus*, from whence they proceeded to ^b *Methone* to join *Valerian* and *Martian*, who had the Government of *Greece*. Then they set sail for *Sicily*, whence they passed over to *Africk*, where the Troops refusing to fight by Sea, they were put ashore, and *Belizarius* in a short time reduced *Carthage*, and took *Gilimer* and his Brother *Tzazon* Prisoners, whom he carried in Triumph to *Constantinople*; soon after which his Lieutenant *Cyrellus* recovered *Sardinia* and *Corfica*, as another did *Mauritania*, with the Cities of *Septa* and *Gades*. *Apollicianus* also, another of the General's Officers, reduced ^d *Ebusus*, *Majorca*, and *Minorca*; which great Successes of *Belisarius* sufficiently increased the Number of his Prince's high Titles, who thereupon assumed those of *Gothicus*, *Africanicus*, *Vandalicus*, and *Africanus*.

^b Modon.

Belisarius overcomes the Vandals in Africk.

A. D. 533.

^c Ceuta.

^d Yvica.

Thus was *Africa* again united to the Empire after it had been a hundred Years dismember'd from it; but *Italy* was yet remaining to be subdued, of which the *Goths* were now entirely Masters, together with most part of the Island *Sicily*: both which *Belisarius* in a short time reduced to Obedience. He being recalled to *Constantinople*, the Emperor dispatched another Fleet, with a considerable Army, under *Maximinus*, with the Title and Character of *Præfectus-Prætoria* of *Italy*, the better to govern the Officers, and supply the Army; but he being a Man altogether unpractised in War, and, besides that, a Coward, loitered upon the Coasts of *Epirus*. *Justinian* after him sent *Demetrius* as his Lieutenant, who had formerly commanded under *Belisarius*; mean while the *Goths*, under their King *Totilas*, had recovered almost all *Italy*, and were now besieging ^c *Neapolis*, which began to be sorely distressed. *Demetrius* hearing of this, had a great Desire to relieve it, but not having with him a sufficient Number of Troops, he caused several Ships to be laden with Corn, and other Provisions in *Sicily*, hoping to fright the Enemy, who hearing of an huge Navy, expected a great Army would accompany it. Had he directly made for *Neapolis*, he had undoubtedly driven away the Besiegers, and done his Work; but being afraid to put in there, he sailed on for ^f *Portus* to gather up Soldiers, who being lately beaten by the *Goths*, refused to follow him against *Totilas*, so that he was constrained either to stay where he was, or undertake the Relief of *Neapolis* with those few he had brought along with him. Chusing the latter Course, *Totilas*, when he had notice of his coming, manned out a considerable Number of nimble Frigates, which falling on him on a sudden,

Africa again united to the Roman Empire,

as also Italy and Sicily.

The Goths recover great part of Italy.
^e Naples.

^f Porto, or the Mouth of the Tiber.

Totilas beats the Roman Fleet on the Coast of Neapolis.

as he lay on the Coast near *Neapolis*, surprized and defeated him, and took all his Ships, with the Men aboard them, except such as at the first Alarm leap'd into their Boats, amongst whom was *Demetrius* himself. *Maximinus* being fairly advanced as far as *Sicily*, sat still at *Syracuse*, afraid of the War; for though the Commanders in *Italy*, especially the Governor of *Neapolis*, importuned him to come to their Succour, he still wore out the Time, till fearing the Emperor's high Displeasure, and wearied with the Sollicitations he had from all Parts, he resolv'd, by staying behind, to save one, and to send the Army to *Neapolis* under the Command of others. Now was it the Depth of Winter, and the Fleet coming off that City, met with a violent Storm, which, maugre all the Efforts the Seamen could make, drove them ashore at the Place where the Enemy lay encamped, who had so easy a Game of it, that they sunk Ships and killed Men as they pleas'd, without any Resistance, insomuch that but few escap'd, the rest being taken, together with *Demetrius*. Him did *Totilas* lead with a Rope about his Neck to the Town Wall, where he compelled him to persuade the Citizens to yield, by telling them that they were to expect no farther Succours, and that all their Hopes had perished with the Navy; of which Truth being too sensible, they soon after surrendered the Place.

The Roman Fleet forced on shore among the Goths.

Neapolis is given up to the Goths.

Totilas invests Rome, and *Belisarius* is sent to its Relief.

In this manner did the Roman Affairs in *Italy* again decline, and *Totilas* shortly after invested *Rome*, which had endured the Siege a long time, and began to be hard pressed with Famine, when the Emperor thought it necessary to send *Belisarius* again into *Italy*, to retrieve his Losses. Upon his Arrival he found the City would be inevitably taken, unless he could immediately throw in a Supply of Provisions; to prevent which *Totilas* had upon the *Tiber*, about eleven Miles below *Rome*, where the Chanel is narrowest, laid a Bridge of Planks, at each side whereof he built wooden Towers, and put good Garrisons in them. *Belisarius*, to effect his Purpose, fixed two Barks together, upon which he rais'd a Tower of Wood higher than those the Enemy had made at the Bridge, and launched into the *Tiber* two hundred Pinnaces, the sides whereof were full of Port-holes, out of which they might shoot at them. Aboard these Pinnaces he caus'd to be put Corn and other Provisions, and in Posts of Advantage, down the River, placed on either side thereof Horse and Foot, to hinder any Designs upon *Portus*, at the Mouth of the *Tiber*, the only Place in those Parts which he had in his Hands, the Defence whereof he committed to *Isaac*, with strict Orders not to stir from thence on any account whatsoever, while he himself conducted the Pinnaces, and caus'd the two Barks with the Turret to be towed after, on the top of which he put a little Boat full of Pitch, Rosin, Brimstone, and other combustible Matters: And that these his Devices might the better succeed, he sent Orders to *Bessas*, the Officer who commanded in *Rome*, to make a general Sally, and alarm the Enemy's Camp: But he, intent on making Advantage of the Corn which had been laid up for the Soldiers, and therefore unwilling the Siege should yet be rais'd, neg-

lected

Porto.

lected to put these Orders in Execution. *Belisarius* making the best of his way up the River, found an Iron Chain laid across near the Bridge, which after he had killed some and driven away the rest who made Opposition, he easily removed, and passing on to the Bridge, fell presently to work. The *Goths* from their Towers valiantly defending themselves, he caused the Barks with the Turret to be rowed near that Tower, which stood in the Water by the way from *Portus*. Then was the Boat full of combustible Stuff set on fire, and shoved down just upon the said Tower of the Enemy, which was instantly in Flames, and within it were burnt two hundred *Goths*, together with their Officer, one of the most valiant of their Nation, the *Roman* Soldiers in the mean time plying such as came from the *Gothick* Camp to the Relief of their Fellows so warmly, that being amazed at the Accident, they ran all away. They laid Hands on the Bridge, and had suddenly pulled it down and gotten into *Rome* without Opposition, if *Isaac*, the Governor of *Portus*, had not unluckily heard of their Success; who, desirous to have a Share in the Honour, marching out, contrary to his General's Orders, with a hundred Horse, and charging a Body of the Enemy which lay on the other side of the River near *Ostia*, was taken Prisoner, with all his Men. Upon the first Notice of whose Defeat, *Belisarius*, thinking *Portus* and all was lost, drew back his Forces in order to recover that Place; which false Steps in both these Officers render'd fruitless all which had hitherto been done for the Relief of *Rome*, so that the City in few Days fell into the Enemy's Hands.

After this they had several Engagements with various Success, sometimes *Belisarius*, and sometimes the *Goths* getting the better; and the latter with a considerable Number of Ships made Descents in *Coreyra* and the adjacent Islands, as also on the Coasts of *Epirus*, *Acarmania*, and *Ætolia*, which they ravaged with Fire and Sword. Then was the War committed to *Narses*, under whom *John*, Admiral of the Fleet of *Illyricum*, consisting of forty Sail, and *Valerian* from before *Ravenna* with twelve, came to a Battel off *Ancona* with the *Gothick* Fleet commanded by *Alidas* and *Gothildus*, who presently engaging hand to hand with Swords and Spears, fought for some time with various Success, till at length the *Goths* pressing too close together, fell foul of each other, and being in great Disorder, used their best Endeavours to sheer off. Ten of their lightest Frigates retiring towards the Shore, ran themselves aground, where the *Goths* set fire to them, to prevent their falling into the Enemy's Hands; and as for the rest, they were all either taken or sunk. The victorious Fleet then enter'd the Port of *Ancona*, to the great Joy of that City, which the *Goths* had closely besieged for some time, but were now obliged to rise from before it with such Precipitation, that they left their Camp and Baggage behind, *Valerian* returning to *Ravenna* with his Squadron, and *John* with the rest of the Fleet to *Salona*. Much about this time was *Artabanes* sent with a strong Squadron to *Sicily*, where meeting with the *Goths* dispersed about that Island, he easily overcame them; and *Narses* entering *Italy* from *Dalmatia* through *Istria*, fate down about *A-*

Belisarius advances up the Tiber.

A Tower of the Goths burns.

The intended Relief of Rome frustrated.

A. D. 547.

The Goths make Descents in Coreyra.

They are beaten at Sea.

Ancona relieved.

The Goths overcome at Sicily.

- quileia*, which City, lately laid waste and deserted by *Attilianus*, he caused to be rebuilt. Thence he proceeded to *Ravenna*, where he was joined by *Valerian* and *Justin*; and after this several strong Places were in a short time taken from the *Goths*, amongst which was the City of *Rome*. *Totilas* was also slain in a Battel, nor was it long e'er *Teias*, his Successor, had the same Fate; and the immense Treasure heaped up by the former at *Cumæ* fell into *Narses's* Hands. Thus were the *Goths* at length expelled out of the best Part of *Italy*, and forced to take up their Habitations on the other side of the *Po*, in the seventy first Year after their Settlement in that Country under *Theodoric*. But in *Spain*, after this Expulsion of them out of *Italy*, reigned a long Series of *Gothick* Kings from *Athanagild* to *Roderic*, in whose Time an end was put to their Power by the *Saracens*, under the Conduct of *Abderames*, who over-rat the greatest Part of that Country.
- A. D. 552.
- Rome, and other Places taken from the Goths.
- A. D. 554.
- The Saracens expel the Goths from Spain.
- A. D. 713.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Naval Wars of the Saracens.

ABOUT a Century before the Ruin of the *Gothick* Power in *Spain*, those People, the *Saracens*, began to be formidable in *Africk*, whose Name is thought to be derived from that of *Sarah*, the Wife of *Abraham*, being esteemed the Posterity of *Agar*, her Handmaid. They inhabited *Arabia* for many Ages before, but were taken very little Notice of, till the Impostor *Mahomet*, their Countryman, broach'd his new Religion, by which having acquired a great Number of Followers, and being favoured by the unactive indolent Government of the Emperor *Heraclius*, he first took several Castles on the *Persian* Frontiers, and then, assisted by the *Persians*, who greedily followed his monstrous Superstitions, reduced all *Arabia* to his Obedience, with great part of *Syria*; and assuming the double Office of King and Priest, became the first *Caliph* of the *Saracens*. There were four principal Officers called *Emirs*, who, under him, had the Direction of Affairs both by Land and Sea, from which Word many of the Learned have derived *Amiral* or *Admiral*, the Term by which, in most of the modern Languages, is signified the Commander in Chief at Sea; though there are not wanting several other Derivations of that Name. *Mahomet* was succeeded by *Ebu-beker*, and he by *Haumar*; and the first maritime Expedition of the *Saracens* was very unsuccessful; for passing down to the Streights of *Gades*, with a Fleet of two hundred and seventy Sail, *Wamba*, King of the *Goths* in *Spain*, engaging with them, burnt or sunk all their Ships; but soon after, when *Ofman*, or *Otmen*, the Successor of *Haumar*, came to the Throne, their Affairs wonderfully prospered at Sea.

The Rise of the Saracens.

The Success of the Impostor Mahomet.

A. D. 622.

The supposed Derivation of Admiral.

At this time the *Constantinopolitan* Emperors had some part of *Africa* remaining in their Hands, but the Majesty of the Empire was now so much diminished, that the Governours they sent thither looked on themselves more as Kings than Subjects. *Gregorius* the *Patrician* was he who now ruled the Province of *Carthage* for the Emperor *Constans*, against whom *Osman* sent his *Emir Hucba*, who defeating *Gregory*, took and destroyed *Carthage*, and seized *Tunis*, which afterwards became the Head of a particular Government, as it continues to this Day. About the same time *Muhavias*, another *Emir* of *Osman's*, proceeded from *Aegypt* with a Fleet of seventeen hundred Sail for *Cyprus*, and having laid waste that Island, landing in *Syria*, he took up his Quarters at *Damascus*. The next Spring he repaired again to *Cyprus*, and having wholly reduced the Island to Obedience, sailed over to *Phœnix*, a Port of *Caria*, where lay the Emperor *Constans* with a Fleet, which *Muhavias* attacking, gained an entire Victory, with such a prodigious Destruction of the *Greeks*, that the Sea was said to be dyed, to a considerable Distance, with the Blood of the slain: and the Emperor, in Disguise, escaped with Difficulty, in a small Boat to *Constantinople*. The Conqueror hereupon invaded *Rhodes*, where he demolished the celebrated *Colossus*, and thence proceeding towards *Sicily*, wasted that Island with Fire and Sword, as he had done several of the *Cyclades* in his Way. Hither *Olympius* the Exarch of *Italy* repaired against him, and coming to an Engagement at Sea, at length gained the Victory, but so bloody a one, and so dearly bought, that he landed in the Island more like the Vanquished than the Conquerour.

Osman sends his Troops against Carthage.

Cyprus laid waste by the Saracens,

they overcome the Emperor's Fleet in Caria.

A. D. 654.

Waste Rhodes and Sicily.

but their Fleet is beaten by the Exarch of Italy.

Muhavias by the Death of *Osman*, and his Successor *Aly*, becoming *Caliph*, so considerably increased his Power that he rendered the Emperor *Constantine Pogonatus* his Tributary; in the fifth Year of which Prince's Reign, the *Saracens* coming up with a great Fleet and Army to *Constantinople*, they seized on all that lay between the *Hebdomum* and *Cyclobium*, two Suburbs of that City; whereupon *Constantine* brought out his Fleet, and they fought every Day from Morning till Night in the Port there. From the Month of *April* till *September* they continued their Siege, when despairing of Success, they departed to, and wintered at *Cyzicum*, and in Spring renewed the War. This they continued to do for four Years successively; but at length their Courage being quite spent, they in great grief retired, having lost a very great Number of their Men, after which followed the Destruction of their whole Fleet, which was in the Winter Season cast away off the Promontory of *Scyllæum*, where perished thirty thousand Men. There was a new Invention of Sea-Fire, as they called it, which would burn under Water, and was of great Service to the Defendants in the Siege; with which Secret *Callinicus*, an *Heliopolitan* of *Aegypt*, the Author of it, fled to the *Romans*. While one Party of the *Saracens* thus employed themselves against *Constantinople*, another Captain of theirs, *Suphianus*, the Son of *Aphus*, engaged with the *Roman* Forces commanded by *Florus*, *Petronas*, and *Cyprianus*, but to no other Effect than that he lost thirty thousand of his Followers: And now would

A. D. 673.

The Saracens and Greeks fight off of Constantinople.

Cape Schilli.

The Saracens Fleet destroyed by Tempest.

Are again beaten, but the Emperor grants them Peace.

A. D. 676. would the Majesty of the *Roman Empire* have revived and flourished, if the Emperor had not ingloriously granted Peace to *Muhavias*, and thereby saved the *Saracens*, whose Power (if he had prosecuted his Successes) might have been then easily crushed in its Cradle, the Remains of which is to this Day so formidable in their Successors the *Turks*. Presently after the Conclusion of this Peace, *Muhavias* died at *Damascus*, then the Seat of his Empire, having increased the *Saracen* Dominions on the West with *Ægypt* and *Africk*, Eastward with *Mesopotamia*, and to the North with great Part of *Asia Minor*.

Justinian II.
beaten by the
Saracens.
A. D. 688.
Leontius af-
fumes the Pur-
ple.

After *Gizid* and *Marvan*, who next succeeded, *Abdelmelich* became *Caliph*, in whose time the Emperor *Justinian* the second broke the Peace with the *Saracens*, with whom coming to a Battel, he received a great Defeat, and soon after was dispossessed of his Dignity by *Leontius*, who banishing him to *Chersona*, in the *Taurican Chersonesus*, assumed the Purple himself. *Abdelmelich* encouraged by his late Successes, sent an Army to *Thrace* under the Conduct of *Moamed*, and at the same time gave Orders for a Fleet to be got ready to scour the Sea, and defend the Coasts of *Africa*, with which *John*, *Leontius's* Officer, who was sent with a Squadron against them, durst never come to an Engagement. *Abdelmelich* dying, he was succeeded by *Ulit*, who sent *Muza*, then *Emir*, or Governor of *Mauritania*, against *Roderic*, King of the *Goths* in *Spain*, at the Instigation of Count *Julian*, a Man of great Power and Authority in that Country, whose Daughter *Roderic* had ravished. The Success of this Expedition was the Reduction of all *Spain*, from whence they penetrated into *Gaul*, and possessed themselves of the greatest Part of *Gallia Narbonensis*.

The Saracens
invade Spain.

A. D. 713.
Provence
and Languedoc.
Reduce Spain,
and Part of
Gaul.

Under *Zullimin*, or *Soliman*, the Successor of *Ulit*, the *Saracens* again besieged *Constantinople* both by Sea and Land, with an Army commanded by *Massabias*, and a Fleet by *Haumar*. Their Insolence was a little repressed by *Leo*, then Prætor of *Armenia*, but *Zullimin* himself repairing to the Siege with a Fleet of three thousand Sail, had gone near to have taken the City, but that he dyed before the Place, leaving his Son *Haumar* his Successor; and the Siege having continued two Years, the greatest Part of the Ships were sunk by Tempests, or burnt by artificial Fires, most of the Men perishing with their Vessels; to repair which Loss *Gizid* advanced with a new Fleet of three hundred and sixty Sail to *Bithynia*, where he was entirely defeated and put to Flight.

Et sic u-
orthodoxa
Eusebe Con-
stantinople,
A. D. 721.
and in di-
verſe other
Places.

We purposely omit the great Overthrows the *Saracens* received some time after in the West from *Charles Martel*, *Pipin*, and *Charles the Great*, before *Avignon*, *Narbonne*, and other Places in *France*, where *Abderames*, *Atinus*, and others of their Leaders were cut off, together with their vast Armies: The *Turks* at the same time rushing down from *Scythia* through the Pass of *Caucasus*, and attacking them in the East. But the *Saracens* did not fall unrevengeed, though vanquished in so many Places, nor could they soon be rooted out who had acquired so extensive a Dominion; the Diffusions that reigned in the eastern Empire yielding them too good

A. D. 800.

an Opportunity to retrieve their Affairs. Being called to the Assistance of *Thomas*, who endeavoured to gain the Empire from *Michael Balbus*, they gave a signal Overthrow to that Emperor's Fleet off *Abydus*, and soon after defeated his Army commanded by *Albi-annus* and *Catacella*, as also another considerable Fleet that was fitted out against them. About the same time a great Body of them sailing over from *Mauritania* to *Corfica* and *Sardinia*, in order to settle in those Islands, they were beaten in a Sea Fight by *Boniface*, Admiral to *Pipin* (Son of *Charles* the Great) King of *Italy*, and forced to retire from thence. They soon after made another Attempt on *Sardinia*, but were again defeated, off of that Island, by *Charles*, *Pipin's* Brother, assisted by Count *Buchard*; but about the same time a numerous Body of them putting to Sea, over-ran *Crete*, where they built the City *Candia*, which now gives Name to the whole Island. There *Craterus*, the Emperor *Michael's* Admiral, after an obstinate and bloody Dispute, gave them a great Overthrow, killing and taking Prisoners a vast Multitude of them. Those that escaped, retired into the Town of *Candia*, who finding *Craterus* careless after the Victory, and his People taken up in drinking and revelling, made a general Sally the ensuing Night, and cut him off with his whole Army; to retrieve which Misfortune *Oryphas* was sent out with a Fleet, who harassed them in several Engagements and Skirmishes by Sea.

They overcome the Fleet of the Emperor Michael Balbus.

A. D. 807.

Pipin's Admiral overcomes them. Are beaten off of Sardinia, but over-ran Crete, and build Candia.

Michael the Emperor's Admiral, and the Saracens alternately beaten.

A. D. 828.

About this time *Euphenius*, a *Sicilian*, fearing the Emperor's Re- sentments for some Crimes by him committed, went over to the *Saracens*, and offered to make them Masters of *Sicily*, provided they would let him enjoy the Sovereignty there, who accordingly, under his Conduct, possessed themselves of that Island; and as *Ambulacus*, one of their Leaders, who had ravaged the Coasts of *Calabria*, and *Corfica*, was returning to *Africa* laden with Spoils, *Ermengarius*, Governor of the *Baleares* Islands for *Bernard* King of *Italy*, fell in with, and defeated him, setting at liberty a great Number of Christian Slaves. The *Saracens*, however, did not yet desist from their Depredations, but shortly after surprized *Centumcella*, which they burnt and destroyed, when ravaging the Coast of *Gallia Narbonensis*, they made another Attempt on *Sardinia*, where *Ermengarius* falling unexpectedly upon them, gave them so great a Defeat that very few of their Ships returned to *Africa*; and *Boniface*, Count of *Corfica*, giving them chase, but not being able to come up with them, landed a Body of Troops between *Utica* and *Carthage*, with which he so harassed and fatigued them, that they were forced to withdraw their People from *Sicily* to their Relief. *Bonifacius* then returning home with his victorious Fleet, the *Saracens* resolved to revenge their late Disgraces, and putting to Sea, again seized and plundered *Centumcella*, and laid Siege to *Rome* it self, where they burnt the *Vatican*, with all the Churches thereabouts, and having laid waste the Suburbs and neighbouring Towns, repaired on board their Ships.

The Saracens master Sicily,

but are beaten by the Italian Fleet.

Civita Vecchia.

They take Civita Vecchia, but are beaten off of Sardinia.

A. D. 830.

They plunder Centumcella, and besiege Rome.

After this, under the Conduct of one *Saba*, they came over to *Tarentum*, and laid Siege to that Place, which being somewhat distressed, the *Greek* and *Venetian* Fleets were sent to its Relief;

A. D. 843.

whereupon

^d Cotrone.
The Greeks
and Veneti-
ans beaten at
Sea by the Sa-
racens.
^e Trieste.

A. D. 846.

A. D. 867.

The Fleets of
the eastern
Empers and
Saracens al-
ternately
beaten.

^f Modon.
^g Navarino.
^h Patras.

The Saracens
beat Manuel
the Patrician
at Sea,
but are over-
come by the
Doge of Ve-
nice,

A. D. 872.

The Saracens
drowned, and
receive other
great Losses.

A. D. 1031.

A. D. 1492.
They are dri-
ven out of
Spain.

whereupon *Saba* making a Shew of Fear, withdrew from before the Place into the Bay of ^d *Crotona*, where falling upon the Enemy's Fleet, he presently forced the *Greeks* to fly, and the *Venetians*, bravely fighting on board their Ships, were all slain to a Man. The same *Saba* soon after, cruising with a Squadron in the *Adriatick*, fell in, off ^e *Tergeste*, with a rich Fleet of *Venetian* Merchant Ships bound home from *Syria*, all which he took, putting to Death the Merchants and Sailers; and in his Way down the *Gulph* seized and plundered *Ancona*. After this *Basilius Macedo*, Emperor of the East, making War on the *Saracens* in *Candia*, received a great Defeat in a Sea Fight, and narrowly missed being taken Prisoner: But not long after the Emprcor's Fleet, in another Engagement in the *Ægean*, burnt or sunk almost all their Ships. Those few who escaped from this Battel, in Rage and Despair ravaged the Coasts of *Peloponnesus*, and the neighbouring Islands, till at length they were all cut off by the Emperor's Admiral in three other Skirmishes off ^f *Metbone*, ^g *Pylus* and *Patrae*. The *Saracens* in *Mauritania* hearing of these Losses, and *Manuel* the Patrician being sent into *Sicily* with a strong Squadron, they there attacked and entirely routed him, with great Slaughter of his Men, whence they proceeded up the *Adriatick* to *Dalmatia* and *Istria*, where, as they were besieging *Grado*, they were attacked and defeated by *Ursus Particiatus*, then *Doge* of *Venice*. They soon after received another Overthrow from *Narsanes*, the Emperor *Basilius's* Admiral, who prosecuting his Victory, took in several Towns of *Calabria* and *Apulia* that were garisoned by the Enemy.

Romanus, coming to be Emperor, made a Peace with the *Saracens*, on whose Side Fortune had long continued, but now, inconstant as she is, began to declare against them, for a vast Multitude of them perished as they were crossing out of *Italy* from *Rbegium* to *Messana*, which Misfortune was soon after followed by another as signal; for *Hugh* King of *Italy* burnt a great Fleet of theirs on the Coast of *Provence*; and, in the East, the Provinces of *Natolia* and *Cilicia*, with the City of *Antioch*, were taken from them. After this they received a great Defeat among the *Cyclades* from *Nicephorus Carantenus*, the *Constantinopolitan* Emperor's Admiral; a considerable time before which they had lost the Island *Crete*, and been stript of almost all they had in *Italy* by *Otho* the first, Emperor of *Germany*. The Source of these Misfortunes were the Divisions amongst themselves, with which weakening one another, they at length became an easy Prey to their Enemies. In *Persia*, *Syria*, *Egypt* and *Africk* they were forced to give way to the *Turks*; and in *Calabria* and *Apulia* to the *Norman* Princes. They held out longest in *Spain*, where they flourished after this for several Centuries, till the time of *Ferdinand V.* King of *Castile*, who conquered *Muley Boabdelin*, King of *Granada*, the only Kingdom they had remaining, and put an End to their Power in that Country.

CHAP. III.

Of the Naval Wars of the Normans.

Toward the Decline of the *Saracen* Power, the *Normans* began to grow considerable, who were a People of *Norway*, that had for many Ages before been used to Piratical Depredations in the Northern Seas, which they chiefly made use of against their Neighbours of *Denmark* and *Sweden*, wherein sometimes the one, and sometimes the other got the better. It was in the Times of the Emperors *Charlemagne*, *Louis* the Pious, and *Lotharius*, that these People began to make their Excursions to the Southward; when mixing with the *Danes*, they came down in Swarms, under the Conduct of a Son of *Regnerus*, one of their Kings, and ravaged the Coasts of *Saxony*, *Friesland*, *Holland*, and *Flanders*, whence coasting along, they entered the *Seine*, the *Loire*, and the *Garonne*, seizing and plundering the Towns upon those Rivers.

The Normans invade Saxony, Flanders, &c.

After this, *Addingus*, one of their Leaders, satiated with the Spoils of *Gaul*, began to cast his Eyes on *Italy*, (possess'd by the *Longobardi* or *Lombards*, originally their Neighbours, having come from *Schonen* in *Sweden*) who putting to Sea, sailed round to the Mediterranean, and coming on the Coast of *Tuscany*, took the City of *Luna*, ignorantly supposing it to be *Rome*. Hence proceeding Westward to the Islands on the Coast of *Provence* and the Mouth of the *Rhofne*, *Charles* the Bald, King of *France*, thought fit to offer a Place of Habitation for himself and his Followers, which was the City of *Chartres*, and the adjacent Country. There he lived quietly till the time of *Rollo*, who coming from *Norway* with a great Fleet to *Neustria* (so all the North Part of *France* was then called) landed his People, and settled himself there, giving the Name of *Normandy* to Part of the Country, and assuming the Title of Duke. About these times there reigned in *Norway* *Harold Graafeld*, of whom it is related that the Emperor *Otho* sending a Naval Force against him, either to repress his Piracies, or attempt the Conversion of his Country to Christianity, he advanced with his Fleet to fight them, but before the Battel, sacrificed his two Sons to the Winds and Tempests, and the Gods of the Sea, whereupon (say the *Norwegian* Historians) the Dæmons of the Air, pleased with the impious Offering, raised such a Storm as entirely destroyed the Emperor's Fleet.

* *Sarzana, near Porto Spezia. A. D. 857.*

Settle at Chartres, and the adjacent Country. A. D. 905. Rollo from Norway settles in Normandy.

The Emperor Otho's Fleet destroyed by Tempest.

From this *Rollo* beforementioned sprang a double Race of *Normans*, of which one, in the Mediterranean, possessed *Apulia* and *Calabria*; and the other, in the Ocean, the Kingdom of *England*. *Rollo* was succeeded in the Duchy of *Normandy* by his Son *William*, surnamed *Longsword*, who interposing in the Affairs of the North, overcame *Sueno* King of *Denmark*, and settled *Harold* in that Kingdom. *William* was succeeded by *Richard*, who being assisted by a great Body of *Danes* against *Lotharius* King of *France*,

William Longsword overcomes the King of Denmark.

he, when he had no further Occasion for them, persuaded them to an Expedition into *Spain*, to which Purpose he supplied them with Ships, Arms, and Provisions, and they accordingly sailing thither, defeated the *Saracens* in two or three Skirmishes, and possessed themselves of several Towns.

The Normans
beat the Sa-
racens.

After this *Richard*, there reigned in *Normandy* two others of the same Name, the latter of which was succeeded by *Robert*; and *Tancred*, Lord of *Hauteville*, being by some reckoned a Son of his, had himself twelve, of whom the most considerable were *William Fierabras*, *Drogo*, *Humfrey*, *Godfrey*, *Robert Guiscard*, and *Roger Bossu*. *Tancred*, going in quest of new Adventures, carried these his Sons with him into *Italy*, where after having successfully waged War for some time, he dyed at *Salerno*, his Sons being entertained by *George Maniaces*, General of the Greek Emperor *Michael's* Forces in *Apulia* and *Sicily* against the *Saracens*. They passing over into *Sicily*, forced *Messina* and *Syracuse* to surrender, and overthrowing *Apolofarus* and *Apocapses*, the *Saracen* Leaders, in a pitched Battel, soon reduced the greatest Part of the Island to Obedience. Though *Maniaces* thus gloried in his Successes, yet was he as unfortunate in distributing the Spoils of the War, for, indulging his avaricious Temper in retaining the greater part to himself, he soon obliged the brave *Normans*, whose Swords had acquired them; whereupon *William Fierabras* returned to *Apulia*, and seizing several Towns, maintained them. Having strongly fortified *Melfi*, to which *Maniaces* laid Siege, he fall'y'd out, defeated him, and forced him to fly into *Sicily*; and reducing the rest of the Country to Obedience, he, with the Consent of his Brothers, took upon himself the Title of Count of *Apulia*, but dying without Issue, left his Brother *Drogo* to succeed him, who overcoming the Emperor's Forces that were sent against him, left his Dominions in Peace to his Brother *Godfrey*. He besieged and took *Benevento*, and in a Battel near *Civita di Chieti* took Pope *Leo IX*, with several Cardinals, but used his Victory with such Moderation, and so handsomely treated his Prisoners, that he received from the Pope his Apostolical Benediction, and a Confirmation of his Possessions in *Apulia*. *Godfrey* was succeeded by *Robert Guiscard*, who reduced all *Calabria*, and annexed it to his Dominions; at which time *Nicholas II*. was Pope, who being engaged in a Quarrel with his Nobles, was assisted by *Robert*, whom for that Service he honoured with the Title of Duke of *Apulia*, and appointed him to command in an Expedition for expelling the *Saracens* out of *Italy*, where they had yet some footing. *Brvona*, *Sciglio* and the neighbouring Towns his Brother *Roger* took in, while himself reduced *Bisignano*, *Cosenza*, *Martirano*, *Nicastro*, *Maja* and *Canne*.

The Sons of
Tancred,
Lord of
Hauteville

Take Messina
and Syracuse,
and beat the
Saracens.

Fierabras,
one of Tan-
cred's Sons,
beats the
Greek Gene-
ral.
Taking the Ti-
tle of Duke of
Apulia, dies.
Drogo, and
after him
Godfrey suc-
ceeds.

1049.
Godfrey
takes Pope
Leo IX, and
several Car-
dinals.
Robert Guis-
card succeeds,
and conquers
Calabria,
is by the Pope
made Duke of
Apulia.
The Successes
of Robert and
his Brothers.

At this time Fortune paved the Way for the *Norman* Power in *Sicily*; for the People of *Messina*, being hard pressed by the *Saracens*, begged Aid of *Robert Guiscard* and *Roger Bossu*, to whom they offered to submit, if they delivered them from their insulting Enemies. *Roger*, sending *Bettumenus*, one of his Officers, to view the Coast and Country about *Messina*, sailed from *Regio*, and coming to

an Anchor near *Melazzo*, landing his Troops he joined Battel with the *Saracens*, whom having totally defeated, and killed their General, he returned triumphantly, laden with Spoils, to *Regio*. After this with another Fleet he overcame those People, and plundered *Messina*, forcing *Baleanes* to retire with his Ships out of the Port of that City; besides which, he took *Rametta*, and several other Towns in the Plain of *Melazzo*, together with *Maniacium* on the Skirts of Mount *Ætna*, a Place lately built by *Maniaces*. *Robert Guiscard* hastening over to the Assistance of his Brother, came to a Battel with the *Saracens*, wherein he gained a complete Victory, killing ten thousand of them; which was followed by the Surrender of several strong Places. But now Dissensions arose between the two Brothers, because *Robert* having promised to the other one half of *Calabria*, and all *Sicily*, had not equally divided the former, but retained the greatest part to himself, so that letting alone the *Saracens*, they warred against each other, but at length came to an Agreement, for *Robert* being taken Prisoner, and generously set at liberty, he, to recompense that Civility, equally shared *Calabria* with his Brother.

Roger beats the Saracens in Sicily. A. D. 1060. He beats them again, and plunders Messina.

Robert assisting his Brother, takes many Places in Sicily.

The two Brothers quarrel, but are reconciled. A. D. 1063.

Now was *Roger* again at leisure to pursue his Designs in *Sicily*, where he was attended with constant Success, the *Saracens* flying every where before him, and herein he was assisted by the *Pisans*, who with seven Gallies attempted to seize the Port of *Palermo*, while he was to besiege it by Land: But at the same time the People of *Bari* and *Trani*, two Towns the *Greek Emperors* yet possessed in *Apulia*, making great Disturbances in that Country, the Siege of *Palermo* was put off to another Opportunity, and both the Brothers repaired to invest those Places, which they took in a short time, when returning to *Palermo*, it soon after underwent the same Fate. Of all the Acquisitions in *Sicily* *Robert* retained only this City to himself, from which afterwards he took the Title of Count; and repairing to *Apulia*, he seized *Brindisi*, *Otranto*, *Taranto* and *Salerno*, and overcoming *Goselinus*, Admiral of the *Greek Emperor's* Fleet, before *Bari*, took him Prisoner.

Roger again successful in Sicily.

They reduce Bari and Trani, as also Palermo.

Robert takes Brindisi, Otranto, and other Places.

The *Greeks* were assisted by the *Venetians*, whose Admiral *Contarini* used his utmost Endeavours, at the Request of the Emperor *Nicephorus*, to prevent the taking of *Brindisi*, but without effect, being defeated in a Sea Fight off that Place. *Robert* also overthrew *Mabrica*, the Emperor *Alexius's* Admiral, in an Engagement near *Corifus*; after which he espousing the Cause of the Emperor *Michael*, whom *Nicephorus* had dethroned, committed the Affairs of *Italy* to his Son *Roger*, gave the Command of his Fleet to his youngest Son *Boïmond*, and himself setting Sail, accompanied with *Michael*, soon arrived at *la Valona*, where landing the Troops, they proceeded to *Durazzo*, so that siege was laid to that Place by Sea and Land, which, maugre all the Efforts the Townsmen could make, though assisted by a Squadron of *Venetians* in the Port, and countenanced by a considerable Naval Force on the Coast, was in a short time forced to surrender; and the *Venetian* Fleet, commanded by *Dominicus Sylvius*, then Doge, received so great a Defeat, that he was deprived of his Dignity,

Beats the Fleet of the Emperor Alexius.

Takes Durazzo, and beats the Venetian Fleet.

A. D. 1083.

nity, after he had governed that Republick thirteen Years. Soon after which, Count *Roberts's* Fleet obtained another Victory over the *Venetians* upon the Coast of *Dalmatia*, which was shortly follow'd by a third Engagement between them; off the Island *Safeno*, wherein the *Venetians* were also again defeated. At length, after the Reduction of most of the maritime Places in *Epirus*, *Livadia* and *Albania*, with several of the Islands of *Greece* and *Dalmatia*; *Robert Guiscard* deceased at *Santi Quaranta* in *Epirus*, leaving part of *Apulia*, with *Dalmatia* and his foreign Acquisitions, to *Boëmond*, and the rest of his Dominions to *Roger*; which *Boëmond*, after several signal Successes against the *Saracens*, was created Duke of *Antioch*. *Roger*, the Uncle of these, Count of *Sicily*, resolving to revenge the Destruction of *Nicotera*, a Sea-Port of *Calabria*, lately burnt by *Benavirius* the *Saracen* General, set upon their Fleet in the Port of *Syracuse*, which he utterly destroyed, killing *Benavirius* with his own Hand, and those of the City driving out the *Saracens*, opened their Gates to the Conqueror, soon after which the rest of *Sicily* followed their Example. Not satisfied with this Success, he proceeded to *Malta*, then possessed by the *Saracens*, which he presently made himself Master of, together with the adjacent Island *Gozo*.

Robert, after other Successes, dies, and divides his Dominions.

Boëmond created Duke of Antioch. Roger the Uncle destroys the Saracens Fleet at Syracuse., A. D. 1086. reduces Sicily,

and takes Malta and Gozo.

A bloody War between the Successors of Roger, and the Duke of Apulia. Roger, the Son of Roger, takes on him the Style of King of Italy and Sicily. A. D. 1129.

He takes several Places in Barbary, and the Islands Corfu, Negropont, Thebes and Corinth.

Effectually assists Lewis the 11th of France.

He dies, and William his son succeeds. William takes Ptolemais, and beats the Grecian Fleet.

Roger was succeeded by his Son of like Name, as the Duke of *Apulia* was about the same time by his Son *William*, between whom there happened a bloody War; for *William* being to marry one of the Daughters of the *Greek* Emperor, and sailing to *Constantinople* for that purpose, *Roger* immediately invaded his Dominions, which, when *William* died, he kept Possession of, as the sole Heir left of the chief Family of the *Normans*; and not content with the Appellation of Count, or Duke, took upon himself the Title of King of *Italy* and *Sicily*. But the *Roman* Pontiffs by no means approving his Title of King of *Italy*, he discontinued it, and assumed those of King of *Sicily*, Duke of *Apulia*, and Prince of *Capua*. He now turned his Thoughts to the enlarging his Dominions, and, to that purpose, with a considerable Fleet, invaded those Parts of *Barbary* opposite to *Sicily*, where meeting with great Success, *Tripoli*, and *Africa* (a Town so called) together with *Sfax* and *Capes*, were in a short time surrendered to him, and the King of *Tunis* became his Tributary. When he had also reduced the Island *Corfu*, and taken the Cities of *Thebes* and *Corinth*, with the Island of *Negroponte*, he assisted *Louis VII.* of *France*, engaged in the Holy War, and rescued him out of the Hands of the *Saracens*, giving the Infidels a great Overthrow at Sea, as well as the *Greeks*, who were also at ill Terms with the *French*. Leaving *Louis* at *Joppa*, he failed to *Constantinople*, and ravaged the Suburbs of that City in Sight of the Emperor *Emanuel*, but at length coming to a Battel with the *Venetian* Fleet employed in the Assistance of the Emperor, they were found to be so good a Match for him, that he thought fit to withdraw, and return to *Sicily*, where dying, he left his Son *William* King of that Island and *Naples*, who getting together a numerous Fleet, proceeded to *Egypt* against the *Saracens*, and took several Towns on that and the neighbouring Coasts, particularly

ticularly the strong City of *Acre*, or *Ptolemais*, which he plundered. As he was returning from thence, he fell in with the *Greek* Emperor's Fleet, which he engaged, and, tho' very much inferior in Numbers, took a hundred and fifty of their Ships, and then sailed triumphantly to *Sicily*.

He was succeeded by his Son *William*; furnamed the Good, after whom reigned *Tancred*, and another *Roger*, and then the Emperor *Henry VI*, who, by the Procurement of Pope *Celestin III*; married the Princess *Constantia*, the Heirefs of the *Norman* Family; in whose Life the Kingdom continued till the Year 1266, when *Charles*, Count of *Anjou* and *Provence*, having received the Investiture of it from the Pope; dispossess'd them.

William the Good succeeds, and after him Tancred and Roger, and then the Emperor Henry VI. Charles Count of Anjou King of Sicily.

But the other Race of *Normans*, which, as we have observed, reigned in *England*, was of much longer Duration. *Robert* Duke of *Normandy* left *William* his natural Son to succeed in that Dukedom, who aspiring at greater things; (no less than the Kingdom of *England*) embarked his Army on board a numerous Fleet, with which sailing to *Pevensey* in *Suffex*, he there landed, and giving Battel to *Harold* near *Hastings*, gained an entire Victory, and with it the Crown; so that the Affairs of this Branch being now become the same as those of *England*, they may be more properly treated in another Place.

William succeeds Robert Duke of Normandy, and conquers England.

CHAP. IV.

Of the Naval Wars of the Venetians, from the Foundation of their Republick, to the Time of the League of Cambray; and of their Dominion of the Adriatick Sea.

WE have already, in the first Book of this Work, mentioned the Building of *Venice* to have been upon occasion of the Devastations *Attila*, King of the *Huns*, made in *Italy*, though we are not ignorant that some esteem its Foundation to have been some Years before, upon the more early Irruptions of the barbarous People into that Country. However that Matter may be, we find the first Naval Effort of the *Venetians*, after their Settlement, was against the People of *Istria* and *Dalmatia*, whom having worsted in several Skirmishes at Sea, they forced to quit that Element, and betake themselves wholly to the Land. They defeated the People of *Trieste*, in the Waters of *Caorle*, and put to flight *Pipin* Son of *Charles* the Great, with a sort of light and nimble Vessels they built on purpose for the Shoals at the bottom of the *Adriatick*. Soon after which the People of *Narenza*, in *Dalmatia*, very much infested the *Venetians* at Sea, and extended their piratical Depredations as far as *Caorle*; insomuch that *Ursus Particiacus*, upon his Accession to the Ducal Dignity, thought fit to come to a Treaty with them, that he might be more at leisure to make head against the

The Venetians reduce the Istrians and Dalmatians, put to flight Pipin's Fleet,

A. D. 864.

Ursus Parti-
ciacus defeats
the Saracens.

the *Saracens*; who sailing with their Fleet up the *Adriatick* to *Grado*, he forced them to retire from thence, and pursuing them as far as the Gulph of *Taranto*, there came to an Engagement with them, wherein he gave them a signal Overthrow. The *Narenzans*, being used to a piratical Life, could not long continue quiet, but attacked the People of *Istria*, in Alliance with the Republick, who thereupon sent a Squadron of thirty Gallies to their Assistance; with which the Doge engaging the *Narenzans*, he entirely defeated them. It was not long however e'er they put to Sea again, and with a strong Squadron ranging about the *Adriatick*, *Peter Candianus*, who was then Doge, sailed in quest of them with twelve Gallies, and engaging them on the Coasts of *Dalmatia*, obtained the Advantage in the beginning of the Fight; but they being on their own Coasts, and receiving continual Supplies from thence, he was obliged to yield to superior Numbers, and at length lost the Battel, with his Life. This Victory so encouraged the Enemy, that they advanced to the City itself, and threaten'd the *Venetians* to fire it about their Ears; but the Doge, *Tron*, besides all other necessary Care to prevent their Approach, secured the Entrance of the Port with a strong Boom.

The Doge Can-
dianus slain
by the Na-
renzans.

War with the
Hungarians.

Scarce were there ever any People at one time involved in so many Difficulties as were now the *Venetians*, being on one side infested by the *Narenzans*, on another by the *Saracens*, both of *Egypt* and *Barbary*, who were every now and then attacking them with their powerful Fleets. But a more formidable Enemy than any of these were the *Huns* and *Avarians*, who, uniting themselves into one Body, were now first called *Hungarians*, and marching down, through the *Valteline*, into *Lombardy*, laid waste the Country; and having defeated an Army of fifteen thousand Men, under King *Berengarius*, took their way toward *Venice*, with design to enrich themselves with the Spoils of that City. To this purpose they provided themselves of a vast Number of Boats, which they made of Wicker covered with Hides, and putting off from the Shore, seized upon several of the Islands among the Shoals, reduced *Citta Nuova* in *Istria*, with *Chiozza*, and other Towns; and having greatly increased their Strength by the Addition of abundance of Vessels they took at those Places, resolved next to attack *Rialto* itself. The Doge, with incredible Diligence and Industry, manned all the Ships and Boats which could be got together, to resist these numerous Invaders, whose Fleet covered the whole Space between the City and the Shore, and vigorously attacking them, gave them so total a Defeat, that the few Remains which escaped being killed or drowned, fled with the utmost Precipitation.

This War being ended, the *Narenzans*, who had come to another Treaty, soon took occasion to break it, and seizing on all the Merchant Ships they could meet with, forced the *Venetians* to declare War against them, the Conduct of which being committed to the Doge, *Ursus Bodoaro*, who succeeded *Tron*, the *Narenzans* again sued for Peace, which they obtained upon Condition of making good all the Damages the *Venetians* had sustained by their Depredations.

predations. Soon after this, the People of *Istria* having committed some Violences upon them, the *Venetians* attacked and defeated them also; and now becoming sensible of their own Strength, seized the City of *Capo d'Istria*; and; on the other side of them, laid siege to *Comacchio*, whose Inhabitants at length surrendering, they received their Submission, upon promise they would continue in peaceable Subjection to them: And these were the first Steps the *Venetians* made toward extending their Conquests ashore.

The Venetians reduce Capo d'Istria and Comacchio.

Some time after this *Peter Urseolus* coming to the Ducal Chair, the *Venetian* Affairs received great Advantages from his prudent Government. The first thing he began his Administration with, was the sending an Embassy to *Basilius*, and his Brother *Alexius*, (by others called *Constantine*) who were joint Emperors of *Constantinople*, to desire that the *Venetian* Merchants throughout their Dominions might be exempted from paying any Duties or Customs by Sea or Land. This it would have been a shame to have denied to that People to whom all Christendom had so many Obligations, and therefore it was accordingly granted; which not only proved very beneficial to the *Venetians* in their private Capacity, as a trading People, but also mightily increased their Credit and Reputation among foreign Nations. There was one thing which the Doge thought lay very hard upon the Republick. The *Venetians*, as we have already seen, had had several Disputes with the *Narenzans* about the Mastership of the *Adriatick*; for the *Narenzans*, upon account of their long Possession of it, pleaded an hereditary Right, and, in support of their Pretensions, had sometimes made the *Venetians* their Tributaries. *Urseolus* thinking this Dishonour no longer sufferable, resolv'd to break with the *Narenzans*, and entirely rid his Country of that Enemy. While he was making Preparations for this purpose, frequent Complaints came from *Dalmatia* of the Injuries the *Narenzans* did to the People in those Parts; whose Agents residing with the Republick, made Remonstrances, setting forth, that, if they would but send a good Fleet against the *Narenzans*, and deliver the Coasts from the Robberies and Oppressions of that People, all *Istria*, *Morlachia*, and *Dalmatia*, and the whole Country from one end of the *Adriatick* to the other, would willingly submit to their Obedience. *Urseolus*, highly pleas'd with these Offers, and so glorious an Opportunity of enlarging the *Venetian* Territories, got ready a numerous Fleet, and setting sail from *Malamocco*, proceeded to *Aquileia*, where having received a consecrated Banner from the Patriarch of that Place, he proceeded over to the Coast of *Istria*, and coming before *Parenzo*, made Preparations for besieging it; but was soon prevented by the Bishop of that Place his coming out, and, in the Name of the Inhabitants, making a formal Surrender of it. From thence he proceeded to *Pola*, on the same Coast, whose Inhabitants following the Example of *Parenzo*, the People of all the neighbouring Cities sent Deputies thither to the Doge, with Offers of their Lives and Fortunes to the Service of the Republick. Some Days being spent at this Place in giving Audience to the several

A. D. 990.

War with the Narenzans.

Urseolus reduces Parenzo and Pola.

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veral Deputies, and receiving the Ships, Soldiers, and Seamen which they voluntarily sent to join the Fleet, the Doge made sail to the Southward, and soon came upon the Coasts of the *Narenzans*; who were all so surprized with this great Turn of Affairs, and by the Presence of the Doge, that Deputations presently came to him from their respective Towns with Proposals of Peace. Peace he did not refuse to grant them, but the Conditions were the Matter which admitted of Dispute. At length he concluded a Treaty with them upon these Terms, "That they should observe the Exercise of the Christian Religion with greater Strictness than they had used to do, compensate to the *Venetians* all the Damages they had done them, and pay the Charges of the War; that they should not exact any Tribute for the future from the Ships sailing in the *Adriatick*, nor any longer continue to practise Piracy." To all which the *Narenzans*, tho' with much Reluctance, were forced to agree. There were now only remaining to be reduced the two Islands *Curzola* and *Lefina*, whose Inhabitants would gladly have accepted Peace upon the same Terms, but were told by the Doge that their Case was different from that of the other People, and that their Fate should be decided by the Sword. For these two Islands lying about the mid-way down the *Adriatick*, no Ships could well go in or out, or navigate any where in that Sea, without being exposed to the Depredations of their Inhabitants: So that the Doge had resolved, for the Security of Trade and Navigation, and of the neighbouring People, to destroy the Cities of both those Islands. *Lefina* he attacked first, and immediately made himself Master of the Port; as for the City, it being well fortified both by Art and Nature, the Townsmen resolved to make a vigorous Defence; but the Walls being soon cleared of the Defendants by the continual Showers of Arrows both from the Ships and the Troops on shore, the *Venetians* scaled the Walls of the Citadel, which the Enemy chiefly trusted to, and presently entered the Place; the Doge giving Orders to spare such as threw down their Arms, but to kill all who made Resistance. Then having levelled the Town and Citadel with the Ground, he went over to *Curzola*, and having done the like there, proceeded to attack *Ragusa*. But the Bishop of that Place coming out to the Doge, presented him with the Keys of the City, and beseeching him, by the Crozier he bore in his Hand, and the Mitre on his Head, to spare the Lives and Fortunes of the Citizens, who by him made their humble Submission, they were pardoned, and received into the Protection of the Republick. *Urseolus* having thus happily succeeded in this Expedition, returned to *Venice*, where, in a full Senate, having made an Oration, setting forth his Services, and that he had reduced to their Obedience all the Coasts of *Istria* and *Dalmatia*, as far as the Frontiers of *Albania*, he was unanimously saluted Duke of *Dalmatia*, and from that time the Doges of *Venice* have always assumed that Title. At the same time came Ambassadors from all the Princes and States of the neighbouring Countries, to give the Republick their Thanks for freeing the Sea from the Piracies

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racies and Robberies with which it had, for some Ages past, been infested, and restoring the Safety and Security of Commerce.

And thus ended the War with the *Narenzans*, after it had held, with various Success, for about a hundred and seventy Years; for so long, according to *Sabellius*, did the *Venetians* and that People contend for the Dominion of the *Adriatick*. Their City was of very ancient Original, and they themselves the true Descendants of the old *Illyrians*, who, under their Queen *Tenta*, for some time asserted their Rights on that Sea against the Power of the *Romans*: and they are reckon'd up by *Ptolemy* among the People of *Dalmatia*, and placed above the *Sinus Rhizonicus*, upon the River *Naron*, at the Mouth of which stands the City *Narenza*, or *Narona*, as it was anciently called. Taking Advantage of the favourable Situation of their City, they us'd, from very ancient Times, to exact a Duty or Tax from all Ships which navigated the *Adriatick* Sea; which if any refused to pay, they were presently treated as Enemies. This all the neighbouring People looked upon as a downright Robbery, and joined in a Complaint against them to the Senate and People of *Rome*, as we have before related. And when the *Romans* sent their Ambassadors to *Tenta* concerning this Affair, she defended this Right of her People's by ancient Custom. It must be confessed, indeed, that, whilst the *Roman* Power prevailed, the Exercise of this Right was interrupted for several Ages: For it seem'd to be beneath the Dignity of the *Romans*, amidst a Series of such glorious Victories, to stoop to the exacting Toll-Money from Merchant Ships. But at the Dissolution of that Empire, the Inhabitants resumed the old Trade of their Ancestors, and revived their Pretensions to those Rights. After which, when the *Venetian* Republick began to flourish, the *Narenzans* and they, becoming Rivals to each other at Sea, entered into frequent Disputes about this Duty, which sometimes the *Narenzans* forced the *Venetians* to agree to the Payment of, and at other times consented to remit it to them; and the *Venetians* one while would please to pay it, and at another absolutely refuse it, till at length becoming more powerful, they entirely crush'd the *Narenzans*, and reduced them to their Obedience. For some time after which, there was no mention made of the Exercise of any Dominion in that Sea: But when the Affairs of the *Venetians*

The Origin of the Narenzans, and their Pretensions to the Dominion of the Adriatick.

The Venetians pretend to the Dominion of the Adriatick.

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who pretended to make Exceptions against this Jurisdiction: And then the Affair began to be canvassed not only among the Vulgar, but it also became a Dispute among the Learned, and particularly the Civilians, who argued the Case in several Treatises written thereupon. But that side always got the better which asserted to the *Venetians* the Dominion and Possession of the *Adriatick* Sea, and the Right of exercising Sovereignty therein: so that the *Venetians*, now a days, support their Pretensions, not only by pleading their Title derived by Right of War from the *Narenzans*, and by Custom, founded upon most equitable Reasons, and confirmed by the Consent of Christendom; but also by the declared Opinions of the Learned in the Laws, and the Authority of Cases adjudged.

In this manner it is that the learned Dr. *Ryves* deduces the Right of the *Venetians* to the Dominion of the Gulph of *Venice*, which having thus made good, he takes occasion to discuss that Question so much controverted in his Time, Whether the Sea be capable of Dominion, or not? In which Discourse having fully proved the Affirmative by several curious Arguments, most of them unthought of by any but himself, I judged it might be inexcusable in me should I not afford Place in this History to so great an Ornament.

Dr. Ryves his Arguments to prove that the Sea may be held in Dominion.

As for those, says he, who assert that the Sea is incapable of Dominion, and having particular Proprietors, they forget that Law given by God himself, at the Creation of the World, *Have Dominion over the Fish of the Sea*. It will not be denied then, I suppose, but that we may have Dominion over the Fish; but why not also over the Sea which contains them? For if these Words do not impart to us a Right to the Sea, neither do those which follow give us any to the Air we breathe in, or the Earth we walk upon. *Have Dominion*, says the Creator, *over the Fish of the Sea, and over the Fowl of the Air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth*. Now no body can doubt but that God, by the Delivery of these things to us, did, as it were by putting the Keys into our Hands, give us the Possession of this earthly Habitation. That the Land is subject to private Dominion, and capable of having particular Proprietors, we all very well know: Now the Land and Water make but one Globe, and one and the same Point of the Universe; therefore if the Land be capable of Dominion, so also is the Sea; for that which is one and the same thing cannot be imagined to be subject to different Rights. Nor is it any thing to the purpose what *Grotius* says of the fluid Nature of the Sea; for *Flumen* [a River, or, as we often express it in Poetry, a Flood] is derived à *fluendo*, from flowing, or being fluid, and yet whoever pretended to deny that Rivers were capable of Dominion, both publick and private?

But *Grotius* pretends that, *by reason of this flowing Condition of the Sea, it cannot admit of having Boundaries and Partitions in it*. Must we then pronounce *Procopius* a Fool for telling us, in his History of the *Goths*, that a Line drawn from the ^a Promontory *Pachinus*, in *Sicily*, to the Island of ^b *Melita* parts the *Tyrrhene* from
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^a Cape *Passaro*.

^b *Malta*.

the * *Adriatick* Sea? Must we call *Ptolemy*, and the whole Tribe of Geographers Blockheads, for demonstrating to us, as they have done, that by means of Lines drawn from the Centre of the Earth to the Orb of the fix'd Stars, the Sea as well as Land may be accurately parted and divided? For those Lines perform the same Office to the Learned in dividing and marking out the different Quarters and Situations of the Earth and Water, as Pales, Fences, Ditches and Land marks do to the illiterate Farmer in setting out the Limits of his Grounds. Pope *Alexander VI*, when he was made Arbitrator of the Difference between the *Spaniards* and *Portuguese*, about the new Discoveries in *India* and *America*, did not divide those Countries between them by any Boundaries on the Land, but by a Line drawn cross the Sea: I do not say what Right he had to do, (for 'tis plain he had none) but instance it only as a Mark of his Ingenuity, which, every body must own, was very conspicuous in this Particular. And, in former times, until it came otherwise to be provided for in Treaties, by particularizing the Limits within which, and Time when such Treaties should take effect, tho' there were ever such a firm Peace subsisting between the Crowns of *England* and *Spain*, yet the Moment either of their Subjects came beyond the *Æquinoctial* Line they were in a State of War, and as if, by passing that Boundary, they had immediately changed their Natures, attacked one another with all the Violence and Fury imaginable. Seeing therefore that notwithstanding the Fluidity of the Sea, it may have Bounds designed, and Limits laid out in it, the Partisans of *Grotius*, according to his Argument, cannot refrain granting that it may also be acquired and possessed. But if they should still persist to be troublesome, and alledge that, because of its moveable and unstable Nature, the Sea cannot have Boundaries and Partitions, and is therefore not acquirable; they may as well, by the same Argument, pretend to prove that great part of *Barbary* and *Ægypt*, and several other vast Tracts of Land in *Africa*, are *Res nullius*, and belong to no body, and may not be acquired or possessed. For the Sands there are as unstable as the Surges of the Sea, and the Winds toss them about, and raise Mountains, and sink Valleys in them as they do in the Waters of the Ocean; and as whole Fleets have been swallowed up by one, so have Armies of Men been overwhelmed in the other, as *Cambyses*, one of the Kings of *Persia*, in an Expedition against the *Ammonii*, a People of the Country now called *Barca*, dearly experienced. And yet these Countries do not want Owners, but are the Propriety and Possession of several Princes. What then should hinder but that the Sea should have its Princes and Proprietors also? Why truly, as *Grotius* will have it, because those who pretend to *Dominion* and *Propriety* in the Sea, divide it not by Boundaries, or Limits made by Nature, or

* The Ancients often included under the Name of the *Adriatick*, not only what are now call'd the *Gulph* of *Venice*, but also all that *Via* which is between *Italy*, *Stetia*, and *Greece*, as they call'd it. Pythoeus saith all that part of the *Mediterranean* which is to the West of *Italy*, *Stetia*, and *Malta*, even to the *Strait* of *Gibraltar*.

the Hand of Man, but only by a fantastick imaginary Line: (meaning the formention'd Boundary made by Pope *Alexander*, which was a Meridian Line five Degrees West of the *Cape Verde* Islands;) yet these Lines *Grotius* so contemptibly calls *imaginary*, are those for the Invention, or, at least, Perfection of which *Ptolemy* so deservedly values himself, and proves, beyond contradiction, that this way of ascertaining the Extent of Dominions and Countries, and measuring the whole Surface of the Land and Water, by Parallels of Latitude and Meridians of Longitude, is infinitely better and more certain than any other. Nor need we be under any Apprehension, as *Grotius* pretends to be, that *if we admit of such Inventions, the Geometricians may steal away the Earth from us:* For, far from that, 'tis well known that, by the Invention of their Art, every Man's Property in *Aegypt* was first secured to him; for the Overflowing of the *Nile* laying the Country under Water, and leaving it covered with Mud, it was only by the help of Geometry that each Person knew the Extent of his own Lands. And as little occasion have we to fear, what he feigns to do, that *the Astronomers should rob us of the Heavens;* since even that Axis itself by which they are sustained, and round which they turn, is nothing else but an imaginary Line drawn through the Centre to both the Poles of the World, and the pure Contrivance of the Astronomers for solving to us the Phænomena of Nature. What Obstinacy is it then to slight those Boundaries which have been so nobly and usefully invented, and pretend, in the Depths of the Sea, to look for Limits placed by the Hand of Man; and by such sophistical Quirks to pave a Way for War and Destruction throughout the World!

But *Grotius* will have it that *the Sea is Res communis, a thing common to all, and therefore cannot be challenged by any one as his Property or Possession.* And is not the Earth the common Parent of us all; and yet do we not dig it, and plow it, and contend about every Foot of it, and call it *Meum* and *Tuum*, and that, as I hope, without Offence? Why then should we not do the same by the Sea? For, how common soever they would have it, it was not, surely, at first more so than the Earth and Air; for the Earth, Air, and Water were ever reckoned, in the State of Nature, to be equally common. And seeing our Antagonists, who have entered into this Dispute, have not scrupled to bring for Authorities Passages out of the Poets, there is no reason why I should not be allowed the same Liberty. That at first the Land was common to all, I shall produce the Testimony of the divine *Virgil*, who, in his *Georgics*, says,

*Ante Jovem nulli subigebant arva coloni:
Nec signare quidem, aut partiri limite campum
Fas erat.*.....

*Ever this no Peasant vex'd the peaceful Ground,
Which only Turfs and Circles for Altars found:*

*No Fences parted Fields; nor Marks, nor Bounds
Distinguish'd Acres of litigious Grounds:
But all was common.*

Mr. Dryden.

And to the same purpose, *Ovid*, in his *Metamorphoses*, tells us, that after *Saturn* was dethroned, and *Jupiter* came to reign, then first began the Claims of Right, and particular Possession of Things,

*Communemque prius, seu lumina solis & aura,
Cautus humum longo signavit limite mensor.*

*Then Land-marks limited to each his Right,
For all before was common as the Light.*

Mr. Dryden.

And *Horace*, yet more expressly, says,

*Nam propria telluris herum natura neque illum,
Nec me, nec quemquam statuit.*

*For Nature doth not him, or me, create
The proper Lord of such and such Estate.*

Mr. Creech.

From all which it is plain that the Earth's being capable of distinct Property, and Possession, does not proceed from Nature, but is of human Institution. If therefore the Land, which was at first free and common to all, and divided by no Limits or Boundaries, might be taken Possession of and acquired, both by Numbers of People, and particular Persons for their Use, and be set out, distributed, and distinguished into different Parts and Parcels, without any Injury to Mankind, or Violence to the Law of Nations, why may not the Sea be liable to the same Rights? Or what has it in its Nature to make it less capable of being acquired and possessed than the Land? If you answer, its *Community*; I have shewn that the Land and Sea are just one as common as the other, and yet the Land is capable of all kind of Dominion and Possession; so that the Sea is consequently subject to the same Rights.

Nor does it signify any thing, what *Grotius* urges, that *Placentinus*, an ancient Author, has said, *the Sea is so much a thing Common, that only God himself is Lord of it*. For, first, whether *Placentinus* has so said or not, is altogether uncertain to me; for where he has said it, I have not been able, with all the Search I could make, to find. But, grant he has said so, what does it make to the purpose? Are we not told by a much more ancient and greater Author than *Placentinus*, even the Psalmist *David*, that *the Earth is also the Lord's, and the Fulness thereof*? If we would think and speak rightly, we are but Tenants, and Inhabitants at will upon this Earth, or rather only Guests and Strangers in it; and yet,

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nevertheless, if we possess ever so small a spot of it, we are called Lords of our Lands; why may we not, therefore, as well be called Lords of the Sea, if any part of it be in our Possession?

But *Grotius* alledges that *Joannes Faber*, a learned Commentator upon the Civil Law, asserts, that *the Sea is left in its first and primitive Right and State, wherein all things were common*. The Princes and Potentates of the World have taken mighty care of that indeed! But let us suppose, with him, that when, of old time, the Land was seized and occupied to the use of particular Persons, the Sea was left in common, and exempted from private Possession; I would fain know by what Law? by what Decree of Mankind? Or, (since we must have recourse to the Equity of the Law of Nations) by the Edict of what universal Judge was it so ordained? For if none of all these can be produced for support of that Assertion, what does it signify that one learned Man has taken it into his Head to say so? *Very much*, *Grotius* will say: For how, in the Sea (he will ask) can there be that corporis ad corpus adjunctio, that joining of Body to Body, which is necessary to make Entry on, or take Possession of any thing, and without which no Dominion can commence? I am no Conjurer at Riddles, but, as I take it, *Grotius* (having a View to the Etymology of the word *Possessio*, which some derive à *pedis positione*, from treading with the Foot) means to ask us how we can tread with our Feet upon the Sea, to take Possession, and commence our Dominion of it. If that be his Meaning, that learned Man might have found what he looks for in the Lake of *Gennesareth*, where, we know, that, of old, both our Saviour Christ, and *St. Peter* did tread with their Feet, and walk upon it. But, not to insist upon that, have not the *Euxine*, or Black Sea, the Sea of *Marmora*, the Streights of *Cassa*, and *Constantinople*, and the *Dardanelles*, been very often so frozen, that they might be trod, walked, and trampled upon as well as the Land? You will say they are all within the *Mediterranean*: I own it. But what will you say of the great Northern Ocean, which the Ancients called *Mare Cronium* and *Glaciale*, the frozen Sea, and we Moderns know very often to be so? Now if the Ocean may be frozen up, it may also be trampled upon, and bear the Tread, not only of the Foot of Man, but of the Hoofs of Horses, and sustain the Weight of Carriages, as well as those Streights and inland Seas; from whence it follows that it is also capable of being possessed: For, I suppose, it will not be pretended that the Ocean, when it freezes, ceases to be the Ocean. But now, to come to the liquid unfrozen Ocean; why, I pray, will not that also bear the *pedis possessio*, and the *corporis ad corpus adjunctio*, the treading of the Foot, and the joining Body to Body, that is to say, the being taken Possession of? For if I am upon the Deck of a Ship sailing in the Sea, it cannot be denied but that I am upon the Sea; if it were, you might as well say that, when I am on Horseback, I am not upon the Earth. And if you would alledge that, then you might, by the same Rule, affirm, that, if I go with my Shoes on and tread on my Land, I shall have done nothing towards taking Possession, nor ever be reckoned

to have joined Body to Body, unless I walk bare-foot upon it, when I make Entry thereon: And how ridiculous an Assertion that would be, every body is a Judge. But the Poet *Ovid* says even of the Sea-Monster which was sent by *Ammon* to devour *Andromeda*, that he possessed the Sea which was under him.

————— *Veniensque immenso bellua ponto
Imminet, & latum sub pectore possidet æquor.*

————— *Flouncing o'er the Main
The Monster comes, and with his ample Train
A spacious Sea beneath him does possess.*

And I don't see why a Ship itself, or the Master, who is as it were, an animating Form to it, may not be said to possess the Sea which is under it. But if that should seem a little forced, and too far fetched, yet nothing can be plainer than what is said by *Dadalus*, in the same Poet,

————— *Terras licet, inquit, & undas
Obstruat: at cælum certè patet: ibimus illac:
Omnia possideat: non possidet aëra Minos.*

*The Land and Sea tho' Minos does possess;
The Air is free; and thence I'll seek redress.*

So that if *Minos*, of old, could possess the Sea as well as Land, what should hinder but that the Princes and States of our Times may use the same Right, and possess their Seas also? Or what, after all, is that way of arguing à notatione nominis, from the Etymology of Words, which some People so much boast of? To me it appears not only to be very often deceitful, but always very weak, and most commonly very ridiculous; and is nothing but a mere trifling with Words and Syllables. For if there be no Possession without the *pedis positio*, the treading with the Foot, pray how comes it to pass that the *Greek* Language, which is so rich and fruitful in the Derivation and Composition of Words, has found no Term answerable to that Etymology of *possessio*? Certainly *Theophilus*, that learned Lawyer, who translated *Justinian's* Institutes into *Greek*, never once renders *possessio* by *πῶδος ἴσις*, treading with the Foot, but always by *νομῆ*, a Word which, in its first Signification, means Distribution, Division, and acquiring by Partition, and has no manner of relation to treading with the Foot. Thus, *longi temporis possessio*, he translates *ἡ χρονία νομῆ*; *res quæ possidetur*, τὸ *πῶδες γινῆμα ὃ νίμεται*; *rei possessor*, ὁ *νιμέμενος*; and lastly, *bonæ fidei possessio*, *βονεφίδει νομῆ*. The *Greeks* also use another Word for *possidere*, to possess, to wit *κτῆσασθαι*, but neither has that any relation to treading with the Foot. And who does not know that both *νίμειν* and *κτῆσασθαι*, in their strictest and properest Sense, signify to acquire any thing? But because what we acquire we do most commonly al-

so possess, they are applied to express both those Acts of acquiring and possessing. Seeing therefore that *Minos*, and other Princes could acquire the Dominion of the Sea, they may, with great Propriety of Speech, be said also to have possessed the Sea itself.

But, as I take it, the main Stress of the Dispute does not lie here, but rather upon this Point, whether there be any such *Commercium* of the Sea, that is, whether it is capable of being so exchanged or transferred, that a Right, or Title, that is to say, a Cause of possessing, may, by any Colour or Pretence, be pleaded and made out to it. Which, why we should make any doubt of, I see no Reason; especially if we have any manner of Regard for the Poets. Let us hear therefore, if you please, from *Virgil*, how *Neptune*, one of the Sons of *Saturn*, King of *Crete*, defends his Right against *Æolus*, and in a mighty Heat affirms,

*Non illi imperium pelagi, sævumque tridentem,
Sed mihi sorte datum.*—————

*The Realms of Ocean and the Fields of Air
Are mine, not his; by fatal Lot to me
The liquid Empire fell, and Trident of the Sea.*

Mr. Dryden.

So that, we find, the Dominion of the Sea (that of *Crete* for example, or any other) could be given by *Lot*; why may it not therefore as well be made over by Donation, bequeathed by Testament, or transferr'd by any other Title from one to another? But these, you'll say, are Fables: I don't deny it. Yet they sufficiently shew that it is not absurd, nor contrary to Reason, to say that the Sea is capable of the *Commercium*, and that it may be possessed, or made over, by virtue of a Title. For *Commerce* is said to be of all those things which can be applied to the Use of Man, be subjected to Dominion, be brought into Obligation, or be acquired and alienated, all things of that Nature being liable to be transferred. And the Sea, as appears by the foregoing Example, being of that kind, no body can deny but it is capable of *Commerce* also.

Grotius further says, that, by the Law of Nations, any one People has a Right to trade with any other which they can come at by the help of Shipping. This I can by no means agree to: For suppose any People at this time (as we know several did of old, and that for very just Causes) should prohibit all foreign Merchants from coming among them, may they, by the Law of Nations, be compelled, against their Will, to admit them? So far from that, that among the *Romans* (who were certainly not ignorant of the Law of Nations) if any Person came from a foreign Country, between which and them there was no Friendship nor Treaty subsisting, and with which they had no Intercourse, such Person immediately became a Slave, and if any *Roman* fell into the Hands of the People of any such other Country as beforementioned, he was by the *Roman* Law looked upon as their Slave, and excluded from the Rights of a Citizen,

tizen, as is expressly said by *Pomponius* in the *Digest*, l. 5. §. *In pace. Tit. De captivis, & postliminio*. It is not lawful therefore for Strangers to go and visit any Country they please, without the Consent of the Prince or Possessors of such Country, neither for the sake of Trading, nor on any other account whatsoever. Now if it be not lawful, without our Consent, to set foot upon our Land, neither is it so to sail in our Sea, nor even to breathe in our Air, without our Consent. For all those things, tho' they are free and open to our Friends, Allies, and those with whom we have Inter-course; they are not so to our Enemies and to Strangers, except our Leave and Consent be first obtained: much less is it allowable for them to occupy our Coasts, to dry Nets, to take Fish in our Sea, or being taken, to salt or dry them upon our Shores, unless it be so stipulated by some Article of Peace, or Treaty of Agreement. Who is there that does not see, therefore, how much these kind of Speeches, *The Sea is free to sail upon; It is common to all; It cannot be comprized within Boundaries; It is incapable of Dominion or Commerce; It cannot be possessed*, and the like; Who is there, I say, that does not see how much they resemble the Sayings of the Levellers, who are for a Community in all things, if they were not coined in the same Mint? As if, by such Jestings, rather than Argument, the *Venetians* would suffer themselves to be dispossessed of the *Adriatick Gulph*, the King of *Denmark* of his Streight of the *Sound*, or our most gracious Sovereign of the *British Seas*, which they have so long been in Possession of: Or, as if these were the first who claimed Dominion of certain Seas, and there were not Precedents of the like in all Ages. For the *Cretans*, *Lydians*, *Thracians*, *Athenians*, *Lacedemonians*, *Rhodians*, *Phœnicians*, *Ægyptians*, *Carthaginians*, and very many others have in their Turns (as we have already seen) one while held the Dominion of the Sea, and another lost it again. And whosoever is possessed of the Dominion of a Sea does possess every thing therein, in such manner as that it is not lawful for another, without his Consent, to meddle with any thing in such Sea, nor come upon it, any more than it would be to do so on the Land; as is plain from the Behaviour of all those People in their Turns, and from many other Instances in this History. So the *Romans*, upon the Conclusion of the second *Punic War*, obliged the *Carthaginians* to keep no more than such a certain Number of Ships of War; in which Circumstance they no sooner found the *Carthaginians* had once transgressed, but they immediately began a third War against them, which ended not but with the Destruction of *Carthage*. In like manner they obliged *Antiochus*, King of *Syria*, not to come on this side the Promontory *Calycadnus* with more than one Ship of War, and that only in case of sending Tribute or Ambassadors to *Rome*: By complying with which Terms, that great Monarch of the East owned his Conquerors, the *Romans*, to be no less Lords of the Sea than of the Land. But these things, you will say, might perhaps be done in the *Mediterranean*, whereas in the Ocean the Case is different. And yet the Emperor *Claudius* subdued the Ocean itself, as *Seneca* tells us

in his *Apocolocyntosis*, whole Words I shall set down;

— Ille Britannos
Ultra noti littora ponti, & cœruleos
Cute Brigantes, dare Romuleis colla catenis
Fussit, & ipsum nova Romanæ jura securis
Tremere Oceanum.—

The Britains seated on the distant Main,
And the Brigantes with their painted Skins,
He forc'd to yield to Rome's Imperial Pow'r;
Nor could the Ocean's self escape his Yoak,
But trembles still at its new Laws and Masters.

This is so full and plain, that it will be almost needless for me to mention *Constantius Chlorus*, the Father of *Constantine* the Great, who, after his Victory at Sea over the *Francks*, and his defeating of *Carausius*, is said by *Eudemus*, in his Panegyrick upon him, to have added to the Empire another Element greater than the Earth, thereby meaning the Ocean. Not that it is to be supposed that, by this Success, the universal Mass of Waters, or the whole *Atlantick*, or the great Southern, and Eastern Oceans, were subjected to the *Romans*, (for much the greater part of them they knew nothing of) but only that *Constantius*, by such a signal Victory, had subdued and made their own all that part of the Ocean bordering upon the Empire: For such Expressions as these in Authors are to be taken, as we say, with Grains of Allowance. Nor if, even in the Gospel itself, you read that *there went out a Decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the World should be taxed*; are you to understand it of the *Bactrians*, the *Sogdians*, or *Parthians*, or any other People without the Pale of the Empire, but only of the *Roman World*. With what Right therefore *Constantius* subjected to the *Roman Empire* all that part of the Ocean on the Coasts of *Africk*, *Spain*, *Gaul*, *Germany*, and *Britain*, by the same Right do the Kings of *England*, with respect to the *British Seas*, and the Kings of *Denmark*, with respect to the *Sound*, assert the Dominion of them to belong to them and their Crowns. And that, in so doing, they may not be accused of acting by Force rather than Right, pray hear what that most profound Lawyer *Baldus* says upon the whole Matter. *In mari jurisdictio est sicut in terrâ. Nam mare in terrâ, i. e. in alveo suo fundatum est, quum terra sit inferior sphaera.* That is, "There is a Jurisdiction upon the Sea, as well as on the Land. For the Sea is placed in the Land as in its Bed, the Earth being the lowermost Element." And farther he says, *Videmus de jure gentium in mari esse Regna distincta sicut in aridâ terrâ: ergo & jus civile, i. e. præscriptio, illud idem potest operari. Et hæc præscriptio quandoque aufertur alteri: sed quum applicatur alteri, ita quod alii non aufertur ista est consuetudo; & sic Venetiarum & Januensium Republicæ sua maria distincta ex inveteratissimâ consuetudine habent. Sed num quid*

Bald. ad l. 2.
 Tit. de Re-
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boc prætextu navigantibus per ipsorum mare, possunt imponere gabellas, & confiscare merces, inconsulto Principe? That is, “ We see that by the Law of Nations there are distinct Kingdoms on the Sea, as well as the Land, and therefore by the Civil Law, that is, by Prescription, there may be so too. And this Prescription is sometimes taken from another: but when it is applied to one without having been taken from another, it is then Custom: And thus the *Venetians* and *Genoese*, by most ancient Custom, have each their distinct Seas. But whether or no may they upon this Account impose Taxes on those who sail therein, and confiscate their Merchandizes, without consulting the Emperor?” Which Question of his own he answers in the Affirmative, and for this Reason, *Quia totus mundus hoc jure utitur*; “ Because all the World uses this Right.” And after this, he says, *Minimè mutanda videntur quæ consuetudinem certam semper habuerunt*. That is, “ Those things by no means ought to be changed which have been established by certain Custom.” Thus you see, Reader, how this great Oracle of the Law gives a full Answer to all the Cavils of our Gainstayers: and that Jurisdiction, Dominion, Commerce, (that is, a Right of transferring Dominion, either by Prescription, Custom, or any other Title) and distinct Limits and Boundaries, may be had and held, not only by the Emperors, but by other Kings and Commonwealths, upon the Sea as well as the Land, and that not by Force, but by Right, and by the Civil Law, as well as the Law of Nations.

But some of our Adversaries will alledge, that the Law itself disclaims all Dominion upon the Sea, as well the Mediterranean as the Ocean. And if I ask, What Law? They will answer, That given by the Emperor *Antoninus Pius*, as it stands in the Digest: *Ego quidem mundi dominus, lex autem maris. Lege id Rhodiâ quæ de rebus nauticis præscripta est, judicetur*. That is, “ I am, indeed, Lord of the World, but the Law is of the Sea. Let that Matter be judged by the *Rhodian* Law concerning Sea Affairs.” But I reply that that Rescript, which was made in *Greek*, and is also set down in the same Place in that Language, is falsified by the foregoing *Latin* Translation of it. The *Greek* Words are, Ἐγὼ μὲν ἔκτιστος κύριος, ὁ δὲ νόμος τῆς θαλάσσης τῷ νόμῳ τῆς Ῥοδίων κερμέστω τῷ ναυτικῷ. Now here, pray, what Word is there answerable to the *id* (that matter) in the *Latin* Translation? Certainly none. Therefore if we will leave that Word out, it will plainly appear that Mr. *Selden's* Opinion about the false Pointing in the *Greek* Text, may pass for an Oracle; for instead of a full Stop after *θαλάσσης*, as most of the printed Books have it, he reads it as I have set it down above. And then, agreeable thereto, the *Latin* will stand thus. *Ego quidem mundi dominus: Lex autem maris lege Rhodiâ quæ de nauticis præscripta est, judicetur*. That is, “ I am, indeed, Lord of the World: but let the Rights of the Sea be judged by the *Rhodian* Law concerning Sea Affairs.” And this the learned *Dionysius Gothofredus*, in his excellent Annotations upon that Place, seems first to have perceived, when he tells us, that the Sense of this Law

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Dig. de Lege
Rhodia.

is no other than as if it had been said, *The Prince himself is indeed Lord of the World, or Earth; but the Rights of the Sea shall be determined from the Rhodian Law.* And *James Gothofredus*, the worthy Successor to his Father's great Reputation in the Law, in his *Hypomnema de Dominio Maris*, plainly shews the Falsity of the vulgar Pointing of this Place, and that his Father was the first who observed it. It is ridiculous therefore to say the Emperor disclaims the Dominion of the Sea by this Rescript: and it is most certain that the *Rhodian Law* never did, nor possibly could, enact that he should. Thus far the learned *Dr. Ryves*. From which ingenious Dissertation of his, and what has been said in the first Book upon this Subject, I don't doubt but my Reader is fully convinced that the Sea is capable of Dominion, and he will, perhaps, wonder that any one should ever have been so hardy as to deny it. And now, from this long Digression, to return to the *Venetian Story*.

From the time of the Doge *Peter Urseolus* there fell out nothing remarkable (except the quelling a Rebellion in *Dalmatia* by his Son and Successor *Otho*, and some Civil Dissensions which happened under the three following Doges) till *Dominicus Sylvius* came to the Chair, who at the Sollicitation of *Nicephorus*, Emperor of the East, whose Daughter he had married, made War on *Robert Count of Apulia*, whom he defeated in a great Sea Fight off *Durazzo*, but being worsted by him in a second Battel, he lost his Reputation, and was deposed.

And now the *Venetians* turning their Arms towards *Asia*, defeated the *Pisans* off *Rhodes*, took the City of *Smirna*, laid waste the Coasts of *Phœnicia*, seized *Faramida* on the Coast of *Ægypt*, and made themselves Masters of *Sidon*, *Tyre*, and *Ptolemais*, sinking and destroying great Numbers of the Ships of the Infidels: For which good Services *Baldwin*, King of *Jerusalem*, granted large Privileges to the *Venetians* for their Trade in those Countries. After this the *Dalmatians* rising in Rebellion, were reduced to Obedience, and *Croatia* annexed to the Republick, at which time the *Dukes of Venice* added to their other Titles that of *Prince of Croatia*. These Successes were followed by a memorable Expedition into *Syria* under *Dominicus Michael*, then Doge, who, with a Fleet of two hundred Sail, undertook to remove the *Saracens* from the Siege of *Joppa*, which he bravely effected, with the entire Destruction of their Fleet which lay before the Place. In his way home, laden with the Spoils of the Infidels, he took from the Emperor *Emanuel*, who had declared War against him, the Islands of *Scio*, *Samo*, *Metelin*, *Andri*, and others, in the *Archipelago*, and after ravaging the Coasts of *Greece*, returned triumphantly to *Venice*.

Peter Polani succeeding him in the Government, put his Brother and one of his Sons at the Head of the Fleet, who not only defeated *Roger King of Sicily*, but subdued the Island of *Corfu*; and War being now declared against *Emanuel*, Emperor of *Constantinople*, for taking some Towns from them in *Dalmatia*, they soon recovered *Traw* and *Ragusa*, and suddenly invading *Scio* again, totally reduced

The Doge Sylvius bears the Count of Apulia, but is afterwards actuated by him, and deposed.

The Venetians beat the Pisans, and take Tyre, Sidon, &c.

Dalmatians rebelled and Croatia annexed to Venice.

A. D. 1117.

reduced that Island, from whence they proceeded to *Metelin*, thence to *Stalimene*, and *Scyro*, all which they subdued. *Vitalis Michael* becoming Doge, in three Months time there were fitted for the Sea a hundred Gallies, and twenty Ships of War against the Emperor *Emanuel*, in which Expedition most of the Seamen being poisoned by the Fraud of the Enemy, the People unjustly ascribed it to their Doge, and killed him in a Tumult.

Their great Success against the Greeks.

Venetian Seamen poisoned by the Greeks.

Sebastian Ziani succeeding, he took part with Pope *Alexander III.* against the Emperor *Frederick Barbarossa*, whose Son *Otho*, at the Head of a Fleet of seventy five Sail, he defeated off the *Punta di Salvori* in *Istria*, taking forty eight of the Ships, among which was the Admiral-Gally, wherein *Otho* himself was. *Ziani* returning into the City, was met by the Pope, who congratulating him upon his Success, presented him with a Gold Ring, saying, *Take this Ring, and with it bind the Sea to thee in Wedlock: This you and your Successors shall do every Year, that latest Posterity may know that you have acquired the Dominion of this Sea by Right of Conquest, and that as the Wife is subject to her Husband, so is that to the Republick of Venice.* And accordingly the Ceremony of marrying the Sea, by throwing in of a Gold Ring, is performed every Year, with great Solemnity, on Ascension Day.

1173.

The Venetians bear the Fleet of Frederick Barbarossa, and take his Son Otho. The Pope ties the Sea to the Venetians.

Some time after this the People of *Zara* rebelled against the *Venetians*, who no sooner approached the neighbouring Islands, which had done the same, than they submitted again; but that Place being well fortified, and supported by the Pirates of the *Adriatick*, maintained the War against them some Years, until a Fleet of forty five Sail being built to reduce them to Obedience, of which twenty five were Gallies, the rest Ships of Burthen, *Renier Zeno*, who was appointed to command them, repaired to *Dalmatia*, and at length forced *Zara* to surrender. About the same time the People of *Pisa* being come to an open Rupture with the *Venetians*, suddenly surprized *Pola*, a City of *Istria*, Tributary to them; whereupon they fitting out a Fleet of ten Gallies, and six Ships of Burthen, soon made themselves Masters of the Place, and burnt all the *Pisan* Ships which lay there. The Town being dismantled also, that so it might not any more prove a Receptacle for the Enemy, the *Venetians* proceeded to *Modon*, in order to meet with a Fleet of *Pisan* Merchant Ships there, those which could escape from *Pola* having repaired thither to protect them; and off that Place coming to an Engagement, they worsted the *Pisans*, and took two of the Merchant Ships.

Zara is forced to submit to Venice.

They beat the Pisans, and surprize Pola.

Now was the Reputation of the *Venetians* arrived to a great height, and as on the one hand the *French* and *Germans* solicited Ships of them to transport their Troops to *Syria*, so on the other *Alexius Junior* begged their Aid against his Uncle *Alexius*, who had treacherously usurped the Empire of the East. They undertaking his Support, seized *Constantinople*, and burnt the Enemy's Ships in the Harbour; but finding themselves nevertheless perfidiously treated by *Alexius*, they and the *French* divided the Empire

The Aid of Venice desired by the French and Germans, and King Alexius.

1195.

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The Venetians
and French
divide the
Greek Em-
pire.

pire between them, the latter having allotted to them *Constantinople, Romania, Macedonia, and Greece*; and the others *Candia*, with all the Islands of the *Archipelago* and *Ionian Sea*. These Acquisitions were so numerous, that the Publick was at a Loss not only how to maintain, but even to get Possession of some of them; wherefore a Law was made that whatever private Persons, either Citizens or Allies, would repair to any of those Islands, late belonging to the *Greek Emperors*, they should for ever enjoy such Shares of them as each Person could acquire; whereupon numerous Adventurers undertaking this Service, turned out the present Possessors, and settled themselves and Families in their room, whereby the Islands were secured to the Republick, which was no less engaged in providing for the Settlement and Security of those of greater Consequence. A Fleet of thirty Sail was fitted out under the Command of *Renier Dandolo*, and *Roger Permarino*, who had no sooner got out of the Gulph, than they were met by *Leo Vetrani*, a famous *Genoese* Captain, with nine Gallies, whom they defeated, took him Prisoner, and presently reducing *Corfu*, that had rebelled, hanged him in that Island; from whence proceeding they seized *Modon* and *Coron*, then two Nests of Pirates; so that having the Sea thus open, they advanced to take Possession of the Islands. *M. Dandolo* and *James Viadri* jointly attacked and made themselves Masters of *Gallipoli*, on the *Hellepont*. *M. Sanutus*, and others, reduced *Nicisia, Pario, Milo, and Andri*; as *Rabanus Carcerius* did the Island and Gulph of *Negroponte*. *Andrew* and *Henry Glasii* subdued *Tina, Micone, Scyro, Policandro, and Stalimene*. In the mean time *Henry Piscator*, Governor of the South Parts of the *Morea*, assisted by a Fleet of *Genoese*, made an attempt to drive the *Venetians* out of *Candia*, but *Renier*, the *Venetian* Admiral, repulsing him, sunk four of the *Genoese* Ships; and soon after a strong Reinforcement was sent to *Candia* to keep the *Greeks* in order.

The Venetians
bear the
Genoese at
Sea,

and take ma-
ny Places.

Four Genoese
Ships sunk by
the Venetians.

The Genoese
beaten, sue
for Peace.

The *Genoese* now scouring the Seas, *John Trevisano* was sent against them with a Squadron of nine Gallies, who off *Trapani*, on the Coast of *Sicily*, took twelve of their Ships; which so humbled them, that they sued for a Peace, which was granted. A strong Reinforcement was sent to *Corfu*, the better to secure that Island, but under the Notion of defending the Inhabitants against the Enemy: And there being reason to apprehend some Disturbances in *Candia*, a considerable Body of Troops was also sent thither. Hence the War was removed toward the Streights of *Constantinople*, in the Port of which City *Leo Cavala*, Admiral of the *Greek Fleet*, was beaten and put to flight, having four and twenty Gallies either sunk or taken. After this *John Michael*, a *Venetian*, Prætor of *Constantinople*, went out with sixteen Gallies, which lay in the Port for the Defence of that Place, against *John Vatazi*, who came to besiege it with twenty five Gallies; and they coming to an Engagement, the *Venetians* taking ten, forced the rest to retire, and leave the Sea open to the Citizens.

The Greeks
Fleet beaten at
Constantinople.

Not long after, the Quarrel with the *Genoese* broke out again on this occasion. All the Nations of Christendom which were engaged in the Holy War, after the taking of *Ptolemais*, or *Acre*, from the Infidels, shared that City amongst them, each having a separate Division; and those of the *Venetians* and *Genoese* lying contiguous, they had but one Church between them, the Use of which gave occasion for a mutual Emulation and Hatred, which at length came to a War. The *Genoese* took their Opportunity to seize the Church, and fortified it like a Castle, which the *Venetians* highly resenting, they brought out thirteen Gallies from *Tyre*, and under the Command of *Laurence Tiepolo*, coming before *Acre*, forced the Chain which lay across the Harbour, broke in, and seized three and twenty Merchant Ships, with two Gallies of *Genoa* which lay there; and having plundered them of their Merchandize, and taken out the Naval Stores, they set fire to them; and then recovering the Church, rifled the very Sepulchres of the *Genoese*; who, provoked with this Loss, manned out forty Gallies, and ten *Saetia's*, with which they engaged the *Venetians* off *Acre*; but they, being assisted by the *Pisans*, came off Conquerors, and the *Genoese* having lost five and twenty Gallies, with great Numbers of Men, ignominiously retreated to *Tyre*. The following Year a *Venetian* Ship, called the *Lion*, manned with two hundred Seamen, and a hundred Soldiers, accompanied with two small Gallies, was attacked near *Tenedos* by twenty Vessels belonging to *Genoa*, which the *Venetians* dealt with so well, that they forced them all to retire towards *Constantinople*: and this same Year it was that *Michael Paleologus* defeating *Baldwin II*, and the *French*, recovered the Empire of the East into the Hands of the *Greeks*.

The War re-kindled between Venice and Genoa.

The Genoese suffer at Ptolemais,

A. D. 1258.

and lose several Gallies.

Michael Paleologus recovers the Greek Empire of the East.

After this the Senate committed a Number of Gallies to *James Dandolo*, for the Defence of *Dalmatia*, with Orders, if he found it for the Service of the Republick, to increase them, as he saw occasion, with others which were to attend the Islands. He accordingly taking from *Zara* three, and being joined by as many from *Candia*, four from *Negroponte*, and ten from *Ragusa*, commanded by *Gradenigo*, sailed toward *Sicily*, where, off *Marsala*, he sunk three *Genoese* Gallies commanded by *Lanfranc de Bourbon*. Thence proceeding to *Trapani*, he fell in with twenty eight Sail more, with which he came to a Battel, which was fought with great Obstinacy on both sides, the *Genoese* chusing rather to die than yield; but two thousand five hundred of them were saved by the Mercy of the Conqueror, after no less than twelve hundred had been slain, and as many drowned. Four Ships were sunk in the Engagement, and twenty four taken, which the *Venetians* sent to *Modon* for the Security of the Coast thereabouts; and soon after they fitted out another Fleet of sixty six Sail under the Command of *Roger Morosini*, to infest the *Genoese* in the Black Sea, where they managed a great Trade, and had several Colonies. *Pera*, one of the Suburbs of *Constantinople*, was then possessed by them, together with *Fochia-Veccchia* in *Natolia*, both which Places, then very rich, the *Venetians*

The Genoese worsted at Sea

A. D. 1266.

The Venetians take Pera and Fochia-Veccchia from the Genoese.

but are defeated at Sea,
and in fear for their City.
The Mariner's Compass invented by a Citizen of Amalfi.
A. D. 1301.

uetians burnt and destroyed; to revenge which, the *Genoese* fitted out a considerable Fleet, and defeated the *Venetians* in two Engagements, first off *Corfu*, and afterwards in the Entrance of the *Dardauels*. After these Victories the *Genoese* scouring the Gulph of *Venice* without Controul, the Senate was in a Consternation, and began to be afraid of their City; infomuch that they set about repairing and enlarging their old Arsenal, causing it to be inclosed with a Wall, and, setting all Hands at work on building Ships and Gallies, filled the Magazines with Naval Stores.

About this time was made a noble Discovery of great Importance to Navigation, and the Service of Mankind, I mean that of the Mariner's Compass, which was now invented at *Amalfi*, a Sea-Port in the Kingdom of *Naples*; which (tho' the *Venetians* had no Hand therein) I mention here, because it happened in *Italy*, and their Affairs are the first which bring us so forward as the Time when it did. But the Person to whom the World is obliged for this fine Invention is involved in such Obscurity, that we know not under what Name to record his Memory, and pay him the Tribute of our Thanks; some calling him *Flavio* of *Amalfi*, others *John Goja*, or *Gioia*, and others *Flavio Gira*. Whatsoever his Name was, he was a Citizen of *Amalfi*, who first found out, whether by Chance or Study, is uncertain, that the Load stone, like another little World, had its Poles and Axis; its Poles converted to the Poles, and its Axis parallel to the Axis of the World: and that (besides drawing Iron and Steel to it, and communicating to them the Power of doing the like, which the Ancients knew) it could also, by its Touch, cause those Metals to partake of that Quality, so that a Needle being touched therewith, and duly poised on a perpendicular Pin, would always lie in a Meridian Line, and point to the Poles of the World. And to this curious Contrivance it is that we owe the Navigation to *India*, and the Discovery of *America*, (both which happened in the succeeding Age) and all the other numerous Advantages which attend the Safety and Certainty of sailing.

They take Smyrna,
and ten Genoese Gallies with their Admiral, &c.
The Genoese have the Advantage at Sea, but soon after are overcome.

The *Venetians* had now a declared War not only with the *Genoese* but the *Turks*, so that a Fleet was set out under the Command of *Peter Zeno*, who sailing to *Syria*, sunk several of the Enemy's Ships, secured the Coasts from the Infidels, and advancing to *Smyrna*, not only took that Place, but put to Death most of the Inhabitants, and placed a strong Garrison in it. A Squadron at the same time was committed to *M. Rucinius* against the *Genoese*, with which repairing to *Caristo* in *Negroponte*, where lay the Enemy with fourteen Sail, he attacked them, and took ten, with the Admiral who commanded them, as also seventy *Genoese* Noblemen, and great Numbers of Prisoners of less Note, which Victory the Senate looked upon to be of so great Importance, that they ordered the Day on which it was obtained to be kept for an annual Festival. They were aided in this War by the *Greeks*, *Pisans*, and the King of *Ar-ragon*, whose united Fleet was beaten by the *Genoese* in the Streights of *Constantinople*, but they soon revenged that Disgrace in a Battel with

with them off *Cagliari* in *Sardinia*, where, after a bloody and obstinate Dispute, wherein they fought hand to hand as if they had been ashore, *Grimaldi*, the *Genoesse* Admiral, betook himself to flight with two or three Ships, having lost no less than one and forty Sail, either sunk or taken. The Spirits of the *Genoesse* were so broken with this Defeat, that they submitted themselves to *John Duke of Milan*, upon Condition he would defend them against the *Venetians* and *Arragonesse*; so much dearer to them was their Revenge than their Liberty: But having soon after gained some Advantages over the *Venetians*, and being weary of their Subjection, they struck up a Peace with them, and threw off the Government of the Duke of *Milan*.

They submit to the Duke of Milan, but are soon weary of his Government.

When *Laurence Celsi* was Doge, *Candia* revolted, on occasion of a Tax imposed upon the Inhabitants, the Insurrection being begun by some of the *Venetians* themselves which were there settled; but the Island was soon reduced to Obedience by *Buchinus Verminus* of *Verona*. Then was the War renewed with the *Genoesse* for the Island of *Tenedo*, which the *Venetians* had lately seized, and this Affair brought the Republick to the Brink of Destruction; for being beaten in an Engagement off *Pola*; *Humago*, *Grado*, *Caorle*, and *Chiozza* were seized by the Enemy, and they fought almost in the Streets of the City; which, if *Victor Pisani* (whom they brought out of Prison, and made General of the Gulph) had not strenuously defended, would certainly have fallen into the Enemy's Hands, being just ready to surrender. But resuming Courage, they defeated *Louis Fiesque*, the *Genoesse* Admiral, off *Cape d'Anzo*, whom they took Prisoner; and securing the Avenues to their City by sinking Ships, laying Chains a-cross, and placing strong Garrisons in the adjacent Islands, they began to retrieve their Affairs. Forty Gallies were fitted out under the Command of *Andrew Costarini*, then Doge; and that the Men might be used to the Sea, and exercised before they went against the Enemy, the Fleet was rowed every Day from the *Jews* Quarter to *St. Nicholas* Church. It was of great Service to the Republick at this time that the Senate made a Law, that out of the Number of such Families as should contribute to supplying the Fleet or Army, either with Men, Money, or Provisions, thirty should be chosen into the Nobility, and that such of them on whom the Lot happened not to fall should have the yearly Income of five thousand Crowns; for above sixty Families subscribed great Sums of Money toward the publick Service. While these things were doing, *Charles Zeno* was expected home with the Fleet which was on foreign Service, in which Expedition he took a Fleet of *Genoesse* Corn-Vessels in *Sicily*, and on the Coast of *Italy* sunk several Merchant Ships, seized three *Saetia's* richly laden, and laid waste all the Country from *Porto-Spezza* to *Genoa*. Off *Tenedo* he took a *Neapolitan Saetia* trading on the Enemy's Account; in fight of *Rhodes* made himself Master of two *Genoesse* Ships, and as many off *Cyprus*, where he received Orders to repair home to the Relief of his Country. While he was on his way, *Victor Pisani*, with an-

A. D. 1361. *Candia revolted from Venice, but is reduced.*

The Venetians beaten off of Pola by the Genoeve.

They beat the Genoeve, and begin to retrieve their Affairs.

Encourage their Subjects to supply the State with Men and Money.

The Genoeve suffer at Sea.

other Fleet, fell down to the Port of *Brondolo*, who maintained his Station there as well as the *Genoese*; and *Zeno*, on his Arrival, being sent to support him, broke the Chain the Enemy had laid across a Streight to defend themselves, and sunk two Ships of Burthen there, to hinder their coming out; all the rest of the Avenues having so shallow Water that a Ship could not pass. The rest of the Fleet engaged and defeated the *Genoese* near *Loredolo*, in which Dispatch fell *Peter Doria*, their Admiral, being slain by a Cannon Ball, with six hundred others; and in this War it was, according to some, that Ordnance were first used, though others alledge that *Edward III*, King of *England*, had great Guns at the Siege of *Calais* in 1347.

The Communication of the City of *Venice* being now opened, which had suffered very much for want of Provisions, they were plentifully supplied from all Parts; whereas, on the other hand, the Enemy were close blocked up, and apprehending nothing less than Famine, used their utmost Endeavours to enlarge themselves; to which purpose they attempted to dig a Canal for twenty Gallies to pass through, but while they were employed in that Work, the *Venetians* attacked the Fort of *Brondolo*, and carried it, set fire to the Gallies, killed most of the Garrison, and forced them to retreat to *Chiozza*. *Victor Pisani* having possessed himself of the Town and Port, carried ten of the *Genoese* Ships which were appointed to protect *Molone*, to *Venice*, setting adrift the small Vessels, after he had first secured the People on board them, and *Chiozza* and *Grado*

were soon after taken; but, in the Recovery of the first, the *Venetians* met with the most difficulty, a new Fleet being sent to the Support of the *Genoese* there, which however they overcame, sinking and destroying fifty of them, and taking four thousand Prisoners. Such as escaped this Overthrow, fled towards the Coast of *Friuli*, where, in the Port of *Marano*, they refitted their shatter'd Vessels: Mean while *Le Bebe*, and the other Towns in and about the Shoals round *Venice*, were surrender'd; and some of the *Genoese* having thrown themselves into *Capo d'Istria*, that Place was besieged by *Pisani*, and in a short time reduced. As he was following the Enemy he died, and *Aloise Loredano* took upon him the Command of the Fleet till the Senate should appoint a Successor to *Pisani*, which Honour they soon conferred on *Charles Zeno*. He cruising on the Coast of *Dalmatia*, took and set fire to twelve Vessels belonging to the Pirates, and others on those Coasts, having first secured the Goods on board them; and soon after on the Coast of the *Morca* he seized a *Genoese* Merchant Ship very richly laden:

However they bore up against all these Losses so vigorously, that the *Venetians* being apprehensive of another Siege, a Treaty of Peace was begun, and in a short time concluded; whereby it was agreed, that the Island of *Tenedo*, which had occasioned the War, should be sequester'd in the Hands of *Amedée Duke of Savoy*, the Mediator of the Peace, for the Space of two Years, and the Garrison was to be withdrawn from the Castle, (where they were allowed to keep one till that time) which was then to be demolished, and the *Venetians*

The *Genoese* beaten, and *Doria* their Admiral slain.
A. D. 1379.
Great Ordnance supposed to be first used.

Genoese Gallies burnt at *Brondolo*.

The *Venetians* take *Chiozza*, and *Grado*.

Destroy the *Genoese Fleet*.

Take *Capo d'Istria*.

Destroy the *Pirates Vessels*.

A. D. 1381.
A Peace concluded between *Venice* and *Genoa*.

tians to be wholly excluded from the Island. Upon the Conclusion of the War, which lasted six Years, the Senate, pursuant to their Agreement, assumed into the Body of the Nobility thirty of those Families which had contributed to the Necessities of the Publick, and paid to the others the promised Pension beforementioned; however, the Restitution of *Tenedo* occasioned some Disturbance; for *John Mutatio*, who commanded there, refused to surrender it; but the publick Faith was not to be violated for the Obstinacy of one Citizen; wherefore *Fantinus George* was sent out at the Head of a Fleet, with Instructions to see the Castle demolished, and the Conditions of Peace put in Execution, which he accordingly performed,

The Castle of Tenedo demolished.

The City was now flourishing in Peace, and only intent on cultivating Trade, when the Proceedings of the *Genoese* forced them to a new War, who had built about this time one and twenty Gallies, and sixteen *Saëtia's*. This Fleet was reported to be fitted out against the King of *Cyprus*, as in reality it was, being commanded by *Boucicaut*, a Marshal of *France*, (the Republick having submitted to the *French King*) and manned with Soldiers of that Nation and *Genoese* Seamen. *Charles Zeno*, who was then General of the Gulph, being apprehensive lest they should fall on some Place belonging to the *Venetians*, as soon as he had Advice they were passed the Height of the *Morea*, followed them; and *Boucicaut*, after he had settled Affairs in *Cyprus*, repaired to *Rhodes*, where *Zeno* arrived presently after him with the *Venetian* Fleet. *Boucicaut*, being indispo'd, sent to desire an Interview with *Zeno* on board his Ship, under Pretence of concerting Measures with him for acting against the Turk; but *Zeno* excusing himself, let him know that he had not received any Instructions in that Matter from the Republick, but when he did, would with Pleasure join in any such Service; acquainting him withal, that by the fundamental Laws of his Republick, it was Death for an Admiral to leave his Ship on any pretence whatsoever. *Boucicaut*, provoked with this Answer, resolved to be revenged, and with that view steered his Course to *Baruth* in *Syria*, where the *Venetians* had a great Trade for Spices; and being joined by three Ships of *Rhodes*, he landed within a League of the Town, and easily made himself Master of the Castle, the Garrison being in no Apprehension, because of the Peace which was between the two Nations; when entering the Town, he gave the Plunder of it to the Soldiers, the Inhabitants, on the Castle's being seized, having all fled to save their Lives. *Zeno*, afraid of the very Appearance of being the first Aggressor, sent one of his Officers to *Boucicaut* to complain of this Proceeding, and desire him to cause Restitution to be made of the Effects taken from the Merchants of his Nation; but he returned for answer, that the Plunder being already divided among his Soldiers, it was impossible to recover it, and endeavoured to excuse what he had done, under Pretence that the Inhabitants denied him Entrance into their Port.

The Venetians and Genoese quarrel again.

Baruth taken and plundered by the Genoese.

The Genoese
surprize Sapi-
enza.

The Venetian
and Genoese
Fleets engage.

A Stratagem
of Zeno to
save his Gally
when boarded.

The Genoese
have the
worst of it at
Sea.

The Genoese
plunder several
Venetian
Ships.

The Veneti-
ans purchase
Zara of the
King of Hun-
gary.

Zeno, not being able to obtain any Satisfaction, returned towards the *Archipelago*, to cover the Islands belonging to the *Venetians*, and especially *Candia*, whither he was soon followed by the Enemy, who suddenly surprized and entered the Port of *Sapienza*. *Zeno*, who was at *Modon* with eleven Gallies, and two Galeasses, thought himself strong enough to fight the *Genoese* Fleet, and gave them *Defiance*; so that both of them failed out by Break of Day, one from *Modon*, the other from *Sapienza*, and met half way between those Places. *Zeno* having ranged his Gallies in Order, bore down on the Enemy with all the Sail he could make, while *Boucicaut*, who was also prepared for the Battel, and well knew that the Victory depended chiefly on the Behaviour of the General, detached three of his Gallies to attack the *Venetian* Admiral, which was performed with great Dexterity and Resolution; for two of these Gallies separating, received *Zeno's* between them, and the third charged her ahead. After the *Genoese* and *French* had poured great Numbers of Darts and Arrows on the *Venetians*, they grappled *Zeno's* Gally, and boarded her in three several Places, making diligent Search for the Admiral, but not knowing his Person, mis'd of him, who being thus hard pressed, delivered himself from the Danger by a new and extraordinary Stratagem. He caused his whole Ship's Company, with a great deal of heavy Lumber, to be placed on the Starboard side of his Gally, in order to bring the upper Part thereof down to the Water, by which means he not only prevented any more from boarding on the Larboard Side, but struck such a Terrour amongst those that had already entered, who thought he was going to sink the Ship, that many of them leaped into the Sea, and the rest threw themselves over into their own Vessels: The Confusion this caused among the Enemy afforded Time for other Gallies to come to the Relief of their Admiral, which they performed with such Success, that the three *Genoese* Ships beforementioned were all taken, and *Zeno* was no sooner disengaged, than he bore down to *Boucicaut*, who would fain have retreated, but was so closely followed that he was forced to save himself in his Boat. All the rest of the Gallies betaking themselves to Flight, *Zeno* towed the three he had taken in to *Modon*, whither he also conducted his Prisoners, among whom were *Chateau-Morant*, the *Genoese* Vice-Admiral, and *Paul Sanudo*, one of their Captains: However their Gallies that escaped revenged this Disgrace upon several *Venetian* Merchant Ships they met with in their way home, which they plundered: But notwithstanding these Proceedings on both sides, the matter did not come to a declared War between them, for their Losses in the whole being pretty near equal, the Name of the Peace yet continued.

After this the Republick purchased *Zara*, with its Dependences, of *Ladislaus* King of *Hungary*: And if *Philip*, Duke of *Milan*, had not molested them, would have enjoyed another Interval of Repose. *Piccinini*, the Enemy's General, having taken, by Treachery, the Town of *Bresello* on the *Po*, attempted likewise to seize the Castle; and the *Milanese* Fleet on that River being commanded by

by *Eustachius of Tesino*, the *Venetians* detached *Francis Bembo* against him. The Fleets on both sides consisted of flat bottom'd Vessels; and *Bembo* placed eight of these in a Line in Front, which to render firm and indissoluble, he secured together with Cables. In this Order he advanced toward *Eustachius*, whom he drove before him up to *Cremona*, where the Enemy quitting their Vessels, they all fell into *Bembo's* Hands; but here he was stop't from proceeding farther by a new Contrivance of the Enemy, who had caused to be built on the River several floating Castles, which however he bravely attacked, and set on fire. Landing his Troops he came to a Battel on shore, but was defeated, and thereupon retiring to his Ships, fell down the River: And soon after *Nicholas Trevisano*, another Admiral of the *Venetians*, was beaten before *Cremona*. The Senate highly resenting the Behaviour of the *Genoese*, who had manned the Enemy's Fleet with their Seamen, (having now put themselves under the Protection of the Duke of *Milan*) fitted out eighteen Gallies against them, under the Command of *Peter Loredano*, who with unexpected Celerity, sailing round to *Leghorn*, was there joined by five Gallies of the *Florentines*, together with *Adorni* and *Fiesque*, two *Genoese* Noblemen then in Exile, Enemies to the *Milaneze* Faction, with several others of that Party; at the Appearance of whom off *Genoa*, it was thought their Friends in the City would expel the opposite Party, and receive them to recover their Liberties; but the *Milaneze* proving the strongest, five and twenty Gallies were sent out under the Command of *Francis Spinola*. The *Venetian* Fleet was by this time arrived in the Gulph of *Rapallo*, within five Leagues of the City, whither the *Genoese* advanced toward them with great Resolution, being flush'd with the Remembrance of their late Victory on the *Po*. Off *Cape di Monte* (the Head-land that makes the Gulph of *Rapallo*) they came to an Engagement, but *Loredano* finding the Enemy had the Wind of him, retreated, as if afraid, into the Gulph, whither the *Genoese* following him, he got to Windward, and bore down upon them. *Spinola* received him with great Gallantry, but the *Venetians* fought with such Resolution, that they soon took him Prisoner with his own Gally and eight others, the rest, in the utmost Disorder, retreating into *Porto Fino*, or making the best of their Way to *Genoa*, while the victorious Fleet repaired to *Reco*, which voluntarily surrendering to *Fiesque*, they returned to *Leghorn*; and in this Battel were slain on both sides eight hundred Persons, and four thousand wounded. At the Request of Pope *Eugene IV*, *Loredano* sailed to *Civita Vecchia*, in order to reduce the Castle of that Place, which was held out against him, and having in a short time forced it to surrender, he repaired to *Corfu*, expecting to meet with a Reinforcement, with which he intended to proceed against *Peter Spinola*, whom the *Genoese* had sent out with a new Fleet; but they were prevented from coming to an Engagement, because the *Genoese* had thrown off the Government of the Duke of *Milan*, and a Peace thereupon ensued between the two Republicks.

At the same time the Quarrel being renewed with that Prince, and the Duke of *Mantua*, his Ally, the Scat of Naval War was now

Overcome the
Fleets of Mil-
lan.

A. D. 1431.

Are beaten be-
fore Cremona,
&c.

They over-
come the Ge-
noese in the
Gulph of Ra-
pallo.

And reduce
for the Pope
the Castle of
Civita Vec-
chia.

A Peace be-
tween Venice
and Genoa.

The Naval War remov'd to the Lake di Garda.

An undertaking to carry Gallies to the Lake.

The Venetians are beaten on the Lake.

But reinforce their Squadron,

and get an entire Victory.

A Peace concluded, and the Venetians go against the Pirates.

The Venetian Admiral seiz'd by the Pirates, but being released overcomes.

to be removed from the Sea to the Lake *di Garda*, in order to prevent the Enemies possessing themselves of *Brescia*. The *Venetian* Senate were debating by what means they might provide a Fleet in that Lake, there being neither Woods thereabouts for Timber, nor any Communication of Rivers (except the *Menzo*, entirely possessed by the Enemy) to carry Ships from *Venice*; When one *Sorbilus*, who was well acquainted with the Country, assured them, if they would furnish him with what was necessary, he would engage to convey Gallies thither from the City. They approving his Scheme, supplied him with what he demanded, and he setting about the Work, caused two large Gallies, three small ones, and twenty five Boats to be rowed up the *Adige* to *Verona*, from whence they were towed by several Yoke of Oxen to *Mori* near *Roveredo*, where being placed on Rowers, by the help of great Multitudes of Peafants, who levelled the Country, and cut through Rocks to make way for them, they were, in three Months time, conveyed to *Torbole*, at the Head of the Lake, and being launched into it, lay at the Mouth of the *Sarca*, which disembogues it self near that Town. There, by a triple Row of Piles, in form of a Semicircle, and a Fort which the *Venetians* built ashore, they were defended from the Incursions of the Enemy, who had one Gally and several small Vessels upon the Lake, which were brought up the *Menzo*, by which it communicates with the *Po*. These the *Venetians*, confiding in their own Strength, despised, but coming to an Engagement, *Zeno* their Admiral, was taken Prisoner, and if a timely Retreat had not been made by the rest into *Torbole*, all the Fleet must have fallen into the Enemies Hands. The Loss the *Venetians* sustained was so great, that the Remainder of the Fleet was not able to do any thing without a new Supply, which the Senate resolved to send, but in another manner than the former. Materials for eight Gallies, as many Gallions, and four Boats, were laden in six hundred Waggons, and sent to *Torbole*, where being soon put together, they were launched into the Lake; and *Stephen Contarini* was appointed to command them. In the middle of the Lake, he engag'd the Enemy's Fleet, and obtained an entire Victory, which was followed by the Surrender of *Garda* and *Riva*, two considerable Towns on the Banks, and the raising of the Siege of *Brescia*, whereupon a Peace ensuing with the Dukes of *Milan* and *Mantua*, the Republick turned her Arms against the Pirates who now very much infested the Seas.

On this Service three Ships of War and one Gally were fitted out to cruise in the Mediterranean, and four to scour the Gulph, the latter under the Command of *Anthony Diedo* who attacked *Antivari* in *Albania*, and being favoured by a Party in the Town, soon reduced it to the Obedience of the Republick. After this he was by a violent Storm, driven to *Vieste* in *Capitanate*, a Province of *Naples*, the chief Rendezvous of the Pirates, who seized his Ships and his Person: But having obtained his Liberty, and the Restitution of his Naval Force, by Direction of *Alphonfus*, King of *Naples* and *Sicily*, he went out again in quest of the Pirates, and having taken several of their Ships richly laden, returned triumphantly to *Venice*.

At that time *Aloise Loredano* was sent out against the *Turk* with ten Gallies, the Charge of six whereof was defrayed by Pope *Eugene IV.* *Amurath II.* was then Emperor of that Nation, of whose Fleet *Loredano* took several Ships, and having secured the Colonies of the Republick from their Depredations, returned to *Venice*. Soon after he was dispatched with a Fleet of thirty five Gallies, and ten Ships of Burthen, against King *Alphonfus*, who had expelled the *Venetians* out of his Dominions, where they had for some time been possessed of several Towns on the Coast of *Naples* in the *Adriatick*. With this Force proceeding to *Messina*, he there burnt a Vessel of the King's on the Stocks, besides several Ships in the Port, from whence he advanced to *Syracuse*, and seized two Merchant Ships of great Burthen. To prevent any farther Mischiefe, the *Genoese*, to whom one of those belonged, and others who fled from the *Venetians* at Sea, sunk two Merchant Ships in the Port, and laid a Boom across it of an immense Thickness: And from the Walls of the Town to the Ships in the Port they erected Scaffolds, that so if the Enemy should break in, they might, as Occasion should serve, either defend the Ships, or retreat into the Town. *Loredano*, at his first Approach, made an Attack upon the Boom, but it was so well defended by the *Genoese* and *Syracusans*, that after a long and obstinate Dispute he was obliged to retreat. Having failed in Force, he resolved next to have recourse to Artifice; and filling a Ship with Gunpowder and Faggots, put thirty stout Men on board, and sent her before a brisk Gale of Wind to the Mouth of the Harbour, where she came against the Boom with such Violence that it presently gave way, and opened her a free Passage to the Ships in the Port, the Enemy all the while looking on with Surprize and Amazement. When she was approached near enough to the Enemies Ships for the Execution of the Design, the Persons on board set fire to her, and leaping into the Boat, rowed off to the Fleet, and the Fire presently bursting out seized the next adjacent Ships, which communicated it to the rest, so that they were all presently in Flames, and great Numbers of the Enemy were burnt, many drowned, a few only being saved by swimming; after which *Loredano*, dividing his Fleet, sent Part of it to *Venice*, and with the rest cruised about the *Adriatick*.

1433.
The Venetians take several Turkish Ships.

They go to Messina, against the King of Naples.

The Genoese and others prepare to defend themselves at Syracuse.

The Venetians break the Boom at Syracuse, and burn the Ships.

Alphonfus growing weary of the War, concluded a Peace with the Republick; which would have been very glad to have enjoy'd a long Interval of Repose; but three Years were scarce expired, e'er a great Battle was fought with the *Turks* with considerable Loss on the Christians side, the *Venetian* Fleet little availing against so potent an Enemy; not but that some time before the Republick had possessed her self of several Towns, as *Misistra*, *Aulis*, *Larsus*, *Lembro*, *Setines*, (the ancient *Athens*) *Fochia Nova*, and other Places of less Note. While the *Turks* were engaged in a War with the *Persians*, *Mocenigo*, Admiral of the *Venetian* Fleet, took *Smyrna*, and *Passagio*, a Town in *Natolia* opposite to the Island *Scio*, with *Satalia*, *Curco*, and *Selechia* in *Carmania*.

A Peace between the King of Naples, and the Venetians.

The Venetians beaten by the Turks.

But take several Places.

This *Mocenigo* was the first *Venetian* who had the Affairs of *Cyprus* committed to him, and it was thus occasioned. *James de Lusignan*, the last King of the Island, married *Katherine* the Daughter of

Quarrels a-
bout Cyprus.

of *Marc Cornaro*, a noble *Venetian*, which Prince dying, he left his Consort great with Child, which Child by his last Will he declared should succeed him in the Throne under the Guardianship of the Republick. The Infant dying within a Year after his Father, *Charlotte*, the Sister of *James*, laid claim to the Crown, and created great Disturbances in the Island, which were at length entirely quelled by the Prudence and good Conduct of *Mocenigo*, who expelled the factious Party, and settled the Kingdom in Peace. *James Marcelli* being then appointed to succeed him in the Administration of this new Province, *Mocenigo* was ordered by the Senate to look to the Defence of *Scutari*, and guard the Coast of *Albania*, against the Attempts of the Turks; pursuant whereto he repaired thither, and placed strong Garrisons in *Durazzo*, *Budoa*, *Antivari*, and *Dulcigno*, appointing a Gally to attend the Service of each.

About this time deceased in *Nixia* *John Crispus*, Lord of that Island, and of *Phermene*, *Scyro*, and *Melo*, three other of the ancient *Cyclades*, the Inhabitants of which Islands having been very weary of his Government, and *Nicolas Capello* happening accidentally to be at that time in the Port of *Nixia*, with six *Venetian* Ships, which he commanded against the Pirates, they made their Application to him to receive their Submission to the Republick, which he readily accepted, and left with them a Citizen of *Venice* to administer their Government.

A Peace be-
tween the
Turks and
Venetians.

The Turks now pressing the *Venetians* very hard, they were obliged to come to a Peace, whereby they gave up *Scutari*, the Castle of *Maina*, near Cape *Matapan*, and the Island of *Stalimine*, and agreed to pay eight thousand Ducats a Year for Freedom of Trade in their Seas: However there were after this several slight Skirmishes between them, the Islanders under the *Venetian* Government creating some Disturbances, as did also the Pirates who were secretly countenanced by the Turks. *Aloise Giorgi* came to an Engagement with the Pirate *Arige* off Cape *Matapan*, where, after an obstinate Dispute, they both separated with equal Loss. On the Coast of *Africa* *Bernard Cicogna*, the *Venetian* Admiral, fought *Perruca*, another Pirate, defeated and took him Prisoner: And off *Cotrone* *Andrew Loredano* killed *Peter de Biscay*, with several of his Associates.

The Venetians
overcome the
Pirates.

A War re-
kindled be-
tween the
Turks and
Venetians.

And now the War breaking out again with the *Turks*, a Fleet was sent against them under the Command of *Anthony Grimani*, who observing with how much Difficulty the People contributed toward the late War they had in *Italy* by Land with the *French* and *Florentines*, lent the Republick eighty Pounds of Gold to pay the Wages of the Seamen, engaging to raise so many in *Corfu* and other Places as would man the Fleet. Off *Modon* he came to a Battle with the *Turks*, but was defeated, and forced to retreat to *Prodeno*, a neighbouring Island; where hearing the *French* Fleet was at *Zante*, he sailed thither to join them, after which he had several slight Skirmishes with the Enemy, but meeting with little or no Success, he again separated from the *French*. The Troops on board the Fleet having entertained a Notion, that if he had attacked the

The Venetians
beaten by the
Turks.

Enemy

Enemy with his whole Force, he might have entirely destroyed them, drew up and sent their Opinion to *Venice*, where a Resolution was taken to remove *Grimani* from his Command, which was accordingly done: And because *Thomas Zeni*, whom they pitched upon to succeed him, was indebted to the Exchequer, and that, by an ancient Law, none who were so, could enjoy any Place of Trust, they made an Act that this Law should not take place with respect to him, whom they put at the head of the Fleet. But he met with no better Success than his Predecessor, the Turks taking *Navarino*, *Modon*, and *Coron*, with the Islands of *Engia* and *Metelino*. However, after the Departure of the Turkish Fleet, *Engia* was presently recovered by *Benedict Pefaro*, who having also ravaged *Metelino* and *Tenedo*, fell on the Rear of the Turkish Fleet, then entering the Gulph of *Negroponte*, and took several Ships, the Companies whereof he nailed to Crosses along the Sea-shore. After this he reduced the Island *Samandrachi*, plundered *Carista*, recovered *Cephalonia*, and in the Gulph of *Larta* seized twelve of the Enemy's Ships loaden with Stores of War, carrying them all to *Corfu*.

Are again beaten, and several Places taken; but soon after have Success.

CHAP. V.

Of the Naval Wars of the Venetians, from the Conclusion of the League of Cambray, to the present Times.

ABOUT this time it was that almost all *Europe* united, at the Instigation of Pope *Julius II*, to procure the Destruction of the Republick of *Venice*, the Design whereof was concluded at *Cambray*, by a Treaty between that Pontiff, the Emperor *Maximilian I*, the *French King Louis XII*, *Ferdinand King of Spain*, and other Princes of less Consideration: Which Treaty was carried on with such Secrecy, that the Republick never had the least notice of it till they were attacked. The Blow was so sudden, that they immediately lost all they had on the *Terra Firma*, and were confined to their City, against which the Emperor levelled his great Guns from the Continent, and were it not for his want of Shipping, had crossed over thither, and possessed himself of that likewise. Thus was the *Venetian Lion* forced to couch to the *German Eagle*, and that State, which had remained unconquered for above a thousand Years, to become an humble Suppliant to the Emperor. They quitted all their Pretensions on the Continent, and agreed to pay an annual Tribute; but at length their Artifices prevailed so far as to break the Confederacy, and then having to deal with those Princes singly, they recovered all which had been taken from them, and pretty well secured themselves against any such Disaster for the future.

A. D. 1508. The Princes of Europe unite against Venice.

They are confined to their City, and submit to the Emperor.

The Alliance broken, and the Venetians recover themselves.

A subtle Answer made by the Venetians to the Pope.

It was the same Pope *Julius II.* who, being unwilling to allow the Republick any thing, demanded of them, by his Nuncio, by what Right, or whose Donation, they pretended to the Dominion of the *Adriatick*; to which they answered, that they much wondered his Holiness should act in a manner so disagreeable to his usual Justice, by asking them for those very Writings which he had at *Rome* among his own Records; for that if he would please to look for the Donation of *Constantine*, he would find on the back of that what he desired: By which facetious Answer they wisely gave the Pope to know, that as he did not enjoy so many Cities and Provinces on shore, so they did not hold their Dominion of the Sea, by virtue of any Grant or Donation from any Emperor, either *Greek* or *Roman*, nor ground it on the beforemention'd Compliment to them of Pope *Alexander III.*; but on the long Exercise of that Dominion, confirmed by the continued Knowledge and Sufferance (that is the Consent and Authority in this Case) of the Parties concerned to oppose it; and that they would defend by Arms a Right so lawfully acquired, and secured by so long Prescription, against all who should pretend to attack it.

War betwixt Selim II and the Venetians about Cyprus.

The next great War the Republick was engaged in was with *Selim II.*, Emperor of the Turks, for the Island of *Cyprus*, who pretended it was become a Shelter for Pirates, which disturbed the Commerce of the Mediterranean, and that he being Master of the Countries which lay about it, (to one of which, *viz. Egypt*, he said, it did of Right belong) it was incumbent on him to secure the Navigation to those Parts, and therefore demanded they would yield it up to him. The Senate's Answer was, that they were so far from entertaining or encouraging Pirates, that they kept constantly a Number of Gallies at *Cyprus* to cruise against them; and that if he made these Pretences to break with them, they were resolved to defend themselves; whereupon the Turks repaired with a numerous Fleet to the Island, and there landing an Army of a hundred thousand Men, laid Siege to *Nicosia*, the capital City, which in a short time was taken by Storm, and *Mustapha*, who commanded on this Expedition, after he was Master of the Town, caused above twenty thousand Persons to be put to the Sword, and as many were made Slaves, cutting off the Head of *Dandolo*, the Governour, which he sent as a Present to the Officer who commanded in *Famagusta*, the Place he was going next to besiege. Then having selected the richest of the Spoils, consisting of Plate, and other valuable Effects, with several fine Women and beautiful Children of Quality, of both Sexes, gathered from all Parts of the Island, he put them on board three of the largest Ships of the Fleet, and committed them to the Charge of four hundred Janizaries, to be conveyed as a Present to the Grand Signior, either in token of his Success, or to conciliate to himself the doubtful Favour of his Prince. The Slaves were all put together in one Ship, where a young Lady, reflecting on the Calamity which had already happened to her Country and her Friends, and what farther she was to expect when she should be in the Power of *Selim*,

The Turks take Nicosia.

A hardy Deed of a Cyprian Lady.

Selim, began to revolve some uncommon Thoughts in her Mind. They had now weighed Anchor, and were just got under Sail, when there being occasion to fetch up Powder to charge the Guns, this Woman found means to get down with a Light to the Powder-Room, where having an Opportunity of executing her dreadful Purpose, she looks alternately towards her Country and Heaven, and, grown bold by having resolved to die, desperately applies the Fire to the Powder, so that in a Moment all were in Flames, and with a dreadful Blast the Ship was thrown in pieces into the Air: Nor did the Destruction thus end; for the burning Fragments falling into the two other Ships, set them also on fire, and in few Minutes Space, all the Spoil which had been so carefully collected through the whole Island, with every Soul on board the Ships, except four Seamen, who by great Accident escaped, and swam to Land, where consumed, within Sight of the Shore, *Mustapha* himself looking on at the dismal Spectacle.

Mustapha advancing to *Famagusta*, invested that Place, where *Bragadini*, a brave and experienced Officer, was Governor, who with a handful of Men made a most gallant Defence against the Enemy's numerous Army, but at length was obliged to surrender, which he did upon honourable Terms, the Garrison being not only permitted to march out with flying Colours, Arms and Baggage, but were to be supplied with Vessels to transport them to *Candia*, and a Squadron of Gallies for their Convoy: Notwithstanding which, the perfidious *Barbarian* treacherously broke the Treaty, seized the principal Officers, and put them to Death in cold Blood, and made Slaves of all the rest of the Garrison. *Bragadini* himself was saved from this Slaughter, to be yet more inhumanly treated for having so bravely done his Duty; for they first cut off his Nose and Ears, and then threw him, with Irons on his Legs, into a Dungeon, from whence the Executioners drew him out once a Day, to carry Earth in a Basket for repairing the Fortifications, making him bow down with his Burthen, and kiss the Ground every time he past before *Mustapha*, who came to oversee the Work. He was afterwards put on board the Fleet, where, among other Indignities, they fixed him in a Chair, and hoisted him up to the Yard-Arm of a Ship, that so the Deformity of his mangled Visage might be more conspicuous, and be seen by the Christians which were yet in the Port. Then bringing him ashore, they carried him to the Market-Place, where after he had been tied up by the Heels and slay'd alive, his Skin was stuffed with Straw, and hung up at the Yard-Arm of *Mustapha's* Gally, in which manner it was carried about in Triumph on the Coasts of *Syria* and *Ægypt*. It was afterwards put into the Arsenal of *Constantinople*, from whence it was redeemed by the Posterity of the deceased Hero at a great Price, and is to this Day kept as the most glorious Trophy of their Family.

At the Beginning of the War, the *Venetians* had set on foot a Treaty of Alliance with Pope *Pius V.* and *Philip II.* King of *Spain*, which was at length concluded, and both those Princes aided them

The Cruelty of the Turks upon taking Famagusta.

They cruelly massacre Bragadini.

An Alliance between the Pope, King of Spain, and Venice.

A. D. 1571.
The confederate Fleet come to Messina.

with Naval Forces. Those of the first were commanded by *Marc Anthony Colonna*, and of the latter by Don *John of Austria*, natural Son to the Emperor *Charles V*, the Navy of the Republick being conducted by *Sebastian Venier*. At length, after tedious Delays on the part of the *Spaniards*, the confederate Fleet rendezvous'd at *Messina*, where a Council of War was called to consider of the Operations of the Campaign; and, after several Debates, it was resolv'd, through the earnest Entreaties of *Colonna* and *Venier*, to make the best of their way towards the *Morea*. Every thing being in readines for sailing, the Generals, Officers, and Soldiers repaired on board, and the Wind presenting fair, they weigh'd Anchor amidst the Prayers and Blessings of the neighbouring People of *Sicily* and *Italy*, who came down to the Coasts, in infinite Multitudes, to see the most numerous Navy the Christians ever fitted out.

Their strength, and how disposed.

It consisted of twelve Gallies of the Pope's, eighty one Gallies, and twenty Ships of Burthen of the King of *Spain's*, and a hundred and eight Gallies, six large Galeasses, and two Ships of Burthen of the *Venetians*, the whole under the Command of Don *John of Austria*, who divided his Fleet into four Squadrons, three of which made up the main Body and two Wings, and the fourth what was judg'd necessary for a Reserve. The Right consisted of fifty three Gallies, commanded by *John Andrew Doria*, who hoisted a green Flag on the Main-top-mast Head: The Left, of the like Number, was put under the Command of *Augustine Barbarigo*, who carried a yellow Flag, fixed on the Starboard side of his Main-top; and Don *John* himself, displaying a blue Flag, conducted the main Body, consisting of sixty one Gallies; the Reserve being led by *Alvarez Basano*, Marquis of *Santa Cruz*, who carried a white Flag in the Poop, which Squadron consisted of thirty eight Gallies, and from it eight were detached, under the Command of *John de Cardona*, to sail about six Leagues ahead of the Fleet, with Orders to send Advice by Boats, from time to time, of what he could discover, and as soon as he descry'd the Enemy, to retreat to the Fleet, and divide his Ships between the two Wings. The six great Galeasses were placed about half a Mile ahead of the Line, two before each Division, and distant from one another about a Mile, but they being unwieldy and heavy Sailers, the General gave Orders that, as there might be occasion, they should be towed by others.

The Disposition of the confederate Fleet.

He took his Post in the Centre of the main Body, having *Marc Anthony Colonna*, admiral of the Pope's Gallies, on his Right, and *Sebastian Venier*, the *Venetian* Admiral, on his Left. Next to *Colonna* was the Admiral Gally of *Genoa*, commanded by *Hector Spinola*, on board of which was the Prince of *Parma*; and next to *Venier* was the chief Gally of *Savoy*, commanded by *Leynius*, having on board her the Prince of *Urbino*; and astern of Don *John*, *Colonna*, and *Venier*, were placed the Patronne Gally of *Spain*, with that of the great Commander of *Castile*. In the right Point of this main Body was the principal Gally of *Malta*, commanded by the

the Prior of *Messina*, and in the Left another of the largest size, on board of which was *Paul Jordano*. As for the two Wings, *John de Cardona* was to take Post in the left Point of the Right, and on the other Point *Andrew Doria*, who commanded that Division. In the Left Wing *Marc Anthony Quirini* was stationed in the Right Point, together with *Anthony Canali*; and *Augustine Barbarigo*, who commanded that Wing, in the Left Point. The Gallies of each Nation were separated, and intermixed amongst others, that so in the Day of Battel they might not have Opportunity of taking particular Resolutions, and this the *Venetians* prevailed to have done, because they were jealous, as they had good reason to be, of the *Spaniards*, but insinuated that their Intentions were no other, than that all might equally share the Honour and Danger, and mutually animate each other to behave well.

In this Order the Fleet crossed the *Ionian Sea*, and passing the Islands *Pachsu*, and *Antipachsu*, came off the Gulph of *Larta*, but not being able to reach *Cephalonia*, they slacken'd sail, and making but little way all Night, arrived the next Day at that Island, where they received Letters from *Paul Contareni*, Governor of *Zante*, that the Enemy's Fleet lay but in an ill Condition in the Gulph of *Lepanto*, and that *Oluz-Aly*, with forty Ships, being separated from the rest, was failed towards *Modon*: And soon after they heard from the Governor of *Candia*, that *Famagusta* had surrendered; upon which Intelligences it was unanimously agreed to advance and attack the Enemy.

The confederate Fleet comes to Cephalonia.

The *Turks* in the mean time did not remain idle, for *Aly Pasha*, being arrived at *Lepanto* with the Fleet, detached *Mehemet Bey* with sixty Gallies up to *Aspropiti*, to receive on board ten thousand Janizaries, and the like Number of Volunteers, with a large Supply of Provisions, that so they might be in a Readiness for all Events. While this was doing *Caracozza*, one of his Officers who had been sent out for Intelligence, brought Advice that the Christian Fleet was arrived at *Cephalonia*, and that having counted the Gallies, they were not above a hundred and twenty; whereupon *Aly* determined to give them Battel; but for his Justification, in case of need, he summoned the principal Officers to a Council of War, wherein, tho' some of the most able and experienced declared themselves against fighting, it was nevertheless resolved, after several Debates, to engage, and accordingly they made sail, with intent to surprize the Christian Fleet at *Cephalonia*, hoping to find the Officers and People ashore. The Fleet of the Infidels consisted of two hundred and seventy five Sail, disposed in a main Body, two Wings, and a Body of Reserve. In the Right Wing, commanded by *Mehemet Siroch*, Governor of *Alexandria*, were fifty six Gallies, in the Right Point of which was *Mehemet Bey*, *Sangiac* of *Negroponte*, and in the Left the said *Mehemet Siroch*. In the Centre of the main Body, consisting of ninety six Gallies, was *Aly Pasha*, the Admiral and Commander in Chief, supported on each Hand by *Pertaub Pasha*, and the Treasurer of the Fleet; and in the Right and Left Points of that

The Strength of the Turkish Fleet.

They resolve to fight the Christians.

The Disposition of their Fleet.

that Division were *Dardaganus*, Governor of the Arsenal of *Constantinople*, and *Hassan Bey*, Governor of *Rhodes*. The Left Wing was composed of ninety three Sail, led by *Oluz-Aly*, *Dey* of *Algier*, who had his Post in the Right Point of that Division, in the Left of which was *Caraus Hozias*, a famous Pirate; and the Body of Reserve was commanded by *Amurath Dragut Rays*, consisting of thirty Gallies.

In this order the *Turks* sailing from *Lepanto* the seventh of *October*, arrived that Evening off *Galanga*, and about the same time the confederate Fleet weighed Anchor from *Cephalonia*, in order to go in quest of the Enemy, it being intended, if they happened not suddenly to fall in with them, to repair to the Entrance of the Gulph of *Lepanto*, attack the Castles there, and lay waste the Country in order to provoke them to a Battel. Both Fleets being thus in Motion, with the same Design of engaging each other, they arrived off *Pefchera*, having only one of the *Curzolaires* Islands between them, when at Break of Day the *Turks* descryed the Confederates coming about a Point of the Island, and were, when the whole appeared in view, greatly surprized at the Number and Strength of the Gallies, so contrary to the Intelligence they had received.

The *Turks* discover the *Christian* Fleet.

When they were advanced within a Mile of each other, *Aly* fired a Gun, as a Signal for engaging, which was answered in like manner from the Gally of *Don John*, and then the *Turks*, with great Shouts, advanced towards the six Galeasses disposed in a Line ahead of the confederate Fleet; but were received by so terrible a Fire from those floating Castles, that, at the first Discharge, several of the *Turkish* Gallies quitted the Line; nevertheless they kept on their way, but in passing between the Galeasses, were so cruelly battered from their Broad-sides, that not only many Masts came by the Board, but they were also much disabled in their Yards and Rigging. Some Ships were shot through and through, others had their Rudders struck off, several were seen in Flames, and some deserted by their Companies, who in Despair leap'd into the Sea, which was covered with floating Oars, Masts, Yards, Casks, and Men. Such great Execution did these Galeasses do among the Enemy, which was a Contrivance as successful as it was new.

The Battel of *Lepanto* begins.

In the midst of this Disorder, *Siroch*, who commanded the Enemy's Right Wing, separating from the rest of the Fleet, bore down under the Shore towards the Christians Left, but *Augustine Barbarigo*, who commanded there, perceiving his Motion, advanced in good Order to meet him, and disposed that Division so advantageously near a Headland called *Mahangulo*, that the Infidels were pent up, and could not proceed in the manner they designed, so that in this Posture they began a terrible Fire, which did great Execution on both sides. *Oluz-Aly* in the Left of the Enemy, and *Doria* in the Confederates Right Wing, approached each other several times, in order to engage, but both, being excellent Seamen, still expected an Opportunity of some particular Advantage. *Oluz-Aly*, prepared for all Events, waited to see how the Battel went in the other Divisions;

visions; but *Doria* being greatly inferior to the Enemy, who had ninety Sail, and he but fifty, endeavoured only to keep *Aly* in suspense, that so he might not interpose in assisting the other Squadrons.

In the main Body Don *John*, *Colonna*, and *Venier*, met the *Turks* in excellent Order, and, as they advanced, discharged their Broad-sides twice or thrice, and some five times, which did great Execution, and terribly dismayed them, who having very few skilful Gunners, and their Gallies being high-built, many of their Shot flew over those of the Christians: But notwithstanding all these Disadvantages, they obstinately advanced, and on both sides were discharged such Showers of Arrows and Bullets as seemed to darken the Sky. Here were four Gallies engaged with three, there six with four, and in some Places one sustained the Attacks of several, the Men boarding each other's Vessels, and with Swords, Cutlasses, Pistols, and Weapons of all sorts committing a dreadful Slaughter, so that in a short time the Sea was dyed with the Blood of the Slain.

In the mean time *Siroch* and *Barbarigo* having been finally engaged, the former found the other's Division impenetrable, and that he could not advance a Ship's length farther, so that many of his Gallies being much shattered, their Masts brought by the Board, and Rigging shot to pieces, he only endeavoured to keep his Men to their Duty, and act upon the Defensive; but notwithstanding all his Precautions, several Commanders of his Gallies found the Work so very hot, that they quitted the Line, and ran them ashore, where their Companies leaped over-board in order to swim to Land, except such as were wounded, whom they left to the Mercy of the Assailers. In boarding the Enemy's Gallies, the Christians gave no Quarter, so that, after *Siroch* was slain, as he was bravely fighting and encouraging his Men, the rest of the Infidels followed the Example of the others, and swam ashore, save what fell by the Hands of the Slaves, who, when they found their Fellow-Christians like to prevail, broke their Chains, seized the Arms of those which had been killed, or whatever came next to Hand, and being more animated by Thoughts of revenging their cruel Usage, than hopes of Liberty, massacred their Patrons and Officers, insomuch that several *Turkish* Gallies were lost by the Fury and Rage of these desperate People. *Quirini* and *Canali*, who were in the other Point of this Left Wing, could not advance to that opposite to them, until most of the *Turks* had quitted their Vessels, and swam ashore, but the Gallies were every one taken or sunk, and all the Men found on board them slain.

In the Centre Don *John* singled out and engaged the Gally of *Aly*; nor wanted *Colonna* and *Venier*, on each side of him, their Antagonists, whom they fought with great Valour; and as each of the Admirals were attended with some small Gallies, so did they from time to time supply them with Men in room of those who fell, insomuch that here the Battel raged in all its Fury. They had been long engaged

gaged without any apparent Advantage on either side, till News coming to Don *John* of *Barbarigo's* Success in the Left Wing, he, jealous of being robbed by the *Venetians* of the Glory of this Victory, redoubled his Attacks, and fired with incredible Fury upon the Enemy. *Aly*, as he was encouraging his People by his own Example to bear up against this vigorous Charge, was slain by a Musket-shot, upon which the *Spaniards* immediately boarding his Gally, struck his Standard, and the Christians cried out *Victory, Victory*, to encourage one another, and terrify the Barbarians, so that there was now an exceeding Slaughter of the *Turks*, who suffered themselves to be killed without Resistance.

Doria and *Oluz-Aly* were yet observing each other's Division, till at length the former, fearing he should be forced against his Will to engage, got farther out to Sea, whereby he still gained his End of keeping his Enemy in suspense. But eight of the *Venetian* Commanders mistrusting *Doria's* Intentions, and imagining he was shifting for himself, separated from that Wing, and lay still with their Oars apeek between it and the main Body, whose Example was presently followed by five others. *Oluz-Aly* immediately took the Advantage of surrounding these Gallies, but the *Venetians*, though so very much unequal in Number, defended themselves with great Valour, till at length being overcome, they were all pur to the Sword. He then made the best of his way towards the main Body of the *Turkish* Fleet, and *Doria* perceiving Don *John's* Success, struck in with his whole Right Wing against the Barbarians, who began to fly. The Marquis of *Santa Cruz*, as soon as the Smoak would permit him to see what was to be done, also came in with his Body of Reserve to join in Pursuit of the Enemy; and *Oluz-Aly* finding that not only *Aly's* Standard was struck, but that the Body of the Fleet was entirely broken, crowded all the Sail he could, and escaped with thirty Gallies, all the rest of his Division being either sunk or taken; and hereupon the *Turks* ceased from making farther Resistance. In the midst of the Confusion and Disorder occasioned by the Flight of the Vanquished, and Pursuit of the Conquerors, *Pertauh* escaped in Disguise in a small Boat, his Gally having been taken by *Paul Ursin*.

The *Turks* are overcome, and great Numbers killed and taken.

The *Turks* lost thirty thousand Men in this Engagement, the bloodiest they ever knew since the Establishment of their Empire, and five thousand being taken Prisoners, there were amongst them the two Sons of *Aly*, with several other Persons of Distinction. The Christians took no less than a hundred and thirty Gallies, with a very great Booty; ninety more were either ran ashore, sunk or burnt, twenty thousand Christian Captives set at liberty, and besides the Pillage of the Islands, there were many rich Effects the Enemy had taken out of Merchant Ships, all which was divided among the Seamen and Soldiers, except the Prisoners, Gallies, and Artillery, which were shared by the three confederate Powers engaged in the War. This Battel was fought very near the same Place where *Augustus* defeated *Marc Anthony*, and howsoever that Fight has been celebrated

brated by the Ancients, 'tis hard to judge which was the most considerable; for as the first exceeded in the Number of Vessels, the Fame and Magnificence of the Preparations, and the great Concourse of several Nations; so this surpassed in the good Condition and Strength of the Gallies, the Length of the Action, and the Courage and Obstinacy of the Combatants. *Marc Anthony's* Flight immediately crowned his Enemy with Victory, but here the Christians disputed a long time before they could obtain it, and lost many more Men, tho' they did not draw near so great Advantages from it.

Comparison between this action, and that of Augustus and Marc Anthony.

Eight thousand of the bravest in the Fleet lost their Lives, of which Number were twenty *Venetian* Captains, of the most ancient Families of the Republick; and *Augustine Barbarigo*, who commanded the Left Wing, was singly regretted almost as much as all the rest. He had broke the Enemy's Right Wing, and as he was animating his Men to prosecute their Advantage, exposing himself too much, was struck in the Eye with an Arrow, which render'd him speechless, but he lived long enough to understand a complete Victory was gained, and then expired in the Arms of his Friends, with Marks of the highest Satisfaction.

Many Christians slain in the Battel.

Night drawing on, and the Sea beginning to grow tempestuous, the Conquerors were obliged to repair to the nearest Harbours, from whence they dispatched Couriers to the Pope, the Republick, and all the Christian Princes, with the News of their Success. *Colonna* set out for *Rome*, *Don John* repaired to *Palermo*, in *Sicily*, there to spend the Winter, and *Onuphrius Justiniani* was sent to *Venice* by *Venier* with an Account of the Battel.

The Christians retire to the nearest Harbours.

That Officer committed a fatal Mistake in neglecting to improve this Victory, since, if he had taken Advantage of the Confusion and Disorder the Enemy were in, and landed in the *Morea*, or any of their Dominions thereabouts, he could not have failed of Success, the *Greeks* only waiting their Appearance on the Coast to throw off the *Turkish* Yoke, and declare for them.

Venier commits a fatal Error by not landing in the Morea.

When the News came to *Constantinople*, the Inhabitants were as much alarmed as if the Enemy had been at the Gates; and *Selim*, who was then at *Adrianople*, building a *Mosque* and Hospital with the Spoils of *Cyprus*, immediately repaired to his capital City, to calm the Minds of the People, and by his Presence somewhat appeased the Disorders there.

Great Confusion at Constantinople.

Among the Prisoners which were taken in the Fight, and fell to the Pope's Share, was *Mehemet Bey*, *Sangiac* of *Negroponte*, a Person of Wit and good Sense, who was acquainted with the Manners, as well as Customs of the Christians; and some *Romans* who had been in the Action, took great delight in discoursing with him about it. He told them two things principally gained the Christians the Day; the first, their great Numbers of Musketeers, whose Arms were of much more Advantage in Fight than the *Turks* Darts and Arrows; and the second, the Boards set up Breast-high on the sides of their Gallies, in manner of Parapets, with which their Soldiers being sheltered, they fired on their Enemies with far greater Assu-

Mehemet Bey his Sentiments of the Battel.

rance. One of these Gentlemen saying that the Grand Signior's Loss in the Battel of *Lepanto* was much greater than the Advantage he reaped by the Conquest of *Cyprus*, *Mehemet* answered with a Smile, That they had only shaved his Master's Beard, which would soon grow again; but that the taking of *Cyprus* was lopping off a Limb from the Body of the *Venetian* State, which would never be rejoined. And indeed what he said was soon verified, by the *Turks* fitting out, with incredible Dispatch, a numerous Fleet under the Command of *Oluz-Aly*, with which he came down to the Coasts of the *Morea*, and some slight Skirmishes happened between him and the *Venetians*: Who at length, being not duly supported by the King of *Spain*, became weary of the War, and struck up a Peace with the *Turk*, by which they relinquished all further Pretensions to the Isle of *Cyprus*.

The *Turks* fit out a numerous Fleet,

but

Venice soon after makes Peace with them.

About this time it was that *Henry III.* of *France*, going from *Poland* to *Paris*, to succeed in the Throne then become vacant by the Decease of his Brother *Charles IX.*, took the City of *Venice* in his way; and the Senate, who thought themselves highly honoured with his Presence, being willing to shew at once both their Power and Magnificence, among other Honours and splendid Entertainments, they invited him one Day to dine at their Arsenal. As he sat down to Table they shewed him a Launch so entirely clear, that there was not so much as a Stick of Timber on it; but they immediately went to work on a Ship, and run her up in his Sight with such Expedition, that she was compleated, and all her Guns put on board time enough to be fired at the first Health the King began, after Dinner, to the Prosperity of the Republick.

The *Venetians* build a Galley in few Hours.

Naval Wars between Venice and the *Uscouques*.

The next Naval War the *Venetians* were engaged in was with the *Uscouques*, a vagabond sort of People, consisting of *Hungarians*, *Servians*, *Croatians*, and *Dalmatians*, who committed Piracy in the Gulph of *Venice*, and were Enemies both to *Turks* and *Christians*; but more particularly to the *Venetians*, who had the greatest Trade in that Sea. They received some Protection from the Emperor, as Archduke of *Austria*, and made *Zegna*, a Sea Port of *Croatia*, within that Prince's hereditary Dominions, their chief Place of Residence; for which Reason it the more concerned the Republick to extirpate them: they gave the *Venetians* a great deal of trouble for above twenty Years, during which the War was carried on with little or no Interruption, and most barbarous Hostilities were practised on both sides; but at length they were obliged to transport their Families from *Zegna*, and deliver up the Vessels they used to commit Piracy with, which were all burnt.

The *Venetians* very much molested by Pirates.

A. D. 1618.

Amurath IV. Emperor of the *Turks*, being engaged in a War with *Persia* (where he undertook the Siege of *Babylon*) he, to secure himself on the Side of *Christendom*, called together all the *Corsairs* of *Tunis*, *Tripoli* and *Algier*, and committed to them the Guard of the *Archipelago*; which Pirates, under Colour of that Business assigned them, committed terrible Depredations in the Gulph of *Venice*, plundered all Ships they met with, and ravaged the Coasts both

both of *Naples* and *Dalmatia*. To repress these Insolences, *Martinus Capello*, the *Venetian* General, went against them with a Number of Gallies well equipped, and engaging them off *La Valona*, gave them a signal Defeat, wherein they had fifteen hundred Men killed, four Gallies sunk, and twelve taken, with above sixteen hundred Christian Captives on board, who were restored to their Liberty.

The Venetians overcome o-ther Pirates of Algier, &c.

In 1645, a War broke out between the Republick and the *Turks*, upon occasion of the taking a Galeon, wherein was an old Officer of the *Seraglio*, who was going to *Egypt* in his way to *Mecca*, with several other *Turks* of Quality of both Sexes. The Knights of *Malta* had seized this Vessel the Year before, and to make it appear the more considerable in the World, gave out, that they had taken a Son of the Grand Signior's, whom his Mother was sending to *Mecca* to be circumcised. The Sultan then reigning was *Ibrahim*, one of the most brutal of Mankind, who hearing of this Loss, fell into the most furious Passion, and making a thousand Vows that he would root out the Christian Name, he immediately set about the greatest Preparations for War which had ever been known in the *Ottoman* Empire, especially by Sea. Upon this the Pope, the King of *Spain*, and all the Princes of *Italy* were mightily alarmed, and waited with Anxiety to see where the Storm would break out: But the Republick had most occasion to fear, as being much more exposed, wherefore they omitted nothing which was necessary for her Defence. The Sultan, indeed, gave them the most positive and express Assurances that his Preparations were only levell'd against the Island of *Malta*, and that he had not the least Thoughts of molesting them; notwithstanding which, on the twenty fourth of *June* 1645, the *Turkish* Fleet consisting of three hundred and sixty eight Ships and Gallies, on board which were embarked fifty thousand Men, having made a Shew of sailing towards *Malta*, suddenly came to *Candia*; where the Captain *Pasba* landing his Troops, immediately invested *Canea*, the second City of the Island, which, after two Months siege, he made himself Master of, but not without the Loss of a prodigious Multitude of Men. The *Turks* had spent two or three Years in reducing *Retimo*, and several other Places of less Note in the Island; when *Morosini*, who commanded the *Venetian* Fleet, hoping to make them abandon the Island, sailed up the *Archipelago*, and lay before the *Dardanelles*, blocking up the *Turkish* Fleet almost in sight of *Constantinople*. Immediately hereupon the Sultan issued his Orders for assembling all the Ships from *Barbary*, and the Places about the *Archipelago*, making great Levies of Men in *Greece* and *Macedonia*; and *Mussa Pasba* having got together three hundred Sail, broke through the *Dardanelles* with little Loss, and having landed forty thousand Men on the Continent, bore away again with his Fleet: But *Morosini*, accompanied with the Pope's Gallies, and those of *Malta*, following him in the Rear, brought him to a Skirmish, wherein they both lost their Lives. *Grimani*, another of the *Venetian* Admirals, was drowned in a great

1645.

A new War between the Turks and Venetians.

The Turkish Fleet comes to Candia. They take Canea.

The Venetians proceed up the Dardanelles.

The Turkish Fleet breaks through the Dardanelles.

A. D. 1648. Storm; and the same Year the *Turks* opened the Siege of the City of *Candia*.

The Venetians entirely take or destroy the Turkish Fleet.

1654.

The Turks are again beaten at Sea,

and Volo, with their Naval Stores, taken.

James de Riva being next Year General at Sea, and receiving Advice that the *Turkish Fleet* was at *Fochia* in *Natolia*, he repaired thither, and attacked them with such Success, that he took, sunk, or otherwise destroyed the whole Fleet, on board which was an immense Sum of Money, great part of which was taken; and not long after, at the Entrance of the *Dardanelles*, the *Turks* were twice put to flight by the *Venetian Fleet* under the Command of *Mocenigo*. Their Losses this Campaign were so great, that they durst not once put to Sea the next Summer; but in 1654, *Foscolo*, the *Venetian Admiral*, was obliged to retire before the *Turkish Fleet*; yet *Mocenigo* rallying against them, committed great Slaughter, but unfortunately died in the Close of the Campaign. *Morosini*, the *Proveditore General*, blocked up the Entrance of the *Dardanelles*, which the *Turks* endeavoured to break through; but, after an obstinate Dispute of eight Hours, they were repulsed and defeated; when *Morosini* proceeding to *Volo*, in *Thessaly*, took that Place, with all the Stores of War and Provisions which were laid up there for the *Turkish Fleet*, and this in Sight of the *Beglerbey* of *Greece*.

The Turks are again beaten, and some Islands taken, but soon retaken.

1662.

The Venetians block up the Dardanelles, and beat the Egyptian Fleet.

The next Year *Laurence Marcello* repaired to the *Dardanelles*, where, in the Month of *June*, he came to a Battel with the Enemy, wherein he fell one of the first; but the next Officers *Barbaro*, *Contarini*, and *Morosini*, concealing his Death, continued the Fight, and at length, after a whole Day's Engagement, obtained the Victory, with great Loss of the Infidels. In this Battel were released no less than five thousand Christian Slaves, and this Success was followed by the Reduction of *Tenedo* and *Stalimine*, though the Enemy indeed soon after regained those Islands.

In 1662 the *Venetian Fleet*, having wintered at the Island *Paro*, repaired very early to its old Station before the *Dardanelles*, where a Squadron lay ready to proceed to the Relief of *Canea*, then hard pressed by the *Venetians*, and about the same time the Fleet from *Egypt* was expected at *Constantinople*; wherefore the *Venetian Admiral*, leaving a Squadron to block up the *Dardanelles*, repaired in quest of the *Egyptian Fleet*, and happily falling in with it, took most of the Ships.

The Secretary to the Venetian Admiral thrown into the Sea.

The two following Campaigns were disputed mostly ashore: *Barbarigo* was then General at Sea, to whom one *Paulini* was Secretary, who, writing somewhat freely to one of his Friends at *Venice* concerning the State of the Fleet, the Vessel by which he sent his Letter, with other's of the General's, happen'd to be ran ashore; so that the Dispatches were taken out and brought back to the General, who, finding this Letter inclosed in one of his Packets, opened and read it, and immediately in a most violent Rage sent for *Paulini*, gave him but two Hours to prepare himself for Death, and, when the Time was expired, threw him into the Sea. An Instance of a most barbarous and unreasonable Severity, to punish a Fault of Indiscretion with the same Rigour as if the Offender had been

been guilty of Treason, and corresponded with the Republick's Enemies. Nor will it excuse him if we suppose the Person was placed in his Service to be a Spy on his Conduct, (a thing frequently practis'd by the *Venetians* with respect to their Officers) since he was his Fellow-Subject, and a Member of the same Community with himself.

The next Year the Republick was embroiled in a Dispute with Pope *Alexander VII.* That Prince, well known for being engaged in several Designs little suitable with the Sanctity of his pretended Character, took it into his Head to dispute the *Venetians* Right to the Dominion of the *Adriatick*, in pursuance of which the Republick makes the Ships that sail there pay something of a Duty for the Liberty and Security of the Navigation, with the Protection whereof the *Venetians* charge themselves. The Pope pretended his Subjects ought to be exempted from paying this Duty, and issued general Orders, forbidding them to make any such Acknowledgment. He carried the Matter so far as to seize some Ships of the *Venetians* in his Harbours upon this Occasion: But the Senate issuing out Letters of Reprizals, and having much greater Opportunities of procuring Satisfaction to themselves that way, than the Pope, the Trade of the Subjects of the Ecclesiastical State was presently at a stand, and the Seas shut up from them; which coming, with loud Complaints of the People who had suffered, to the Ears of the Pope, he was forced to revoke his Orders, and be glad to let that Affair stand upon its old footing.

A. D. 1665.

The Pope disputes the Venetians Right to the Adriatick;

but is humbled by them.

1667.

In 1667 the *Venetians* fitted out a considerable Fleet, which they divided into three Squadrons, one to take its Station at the *Dardanelles*, another to cruise about the *Archipelago*, and the third off *Sapienza* against the *Corfaires*. In 1669 the City of *Candia* was surrendered, after a Siege of one and twenty Years, wherein died before it above sixty thousand *Mahometans*, the *Venetians* having spent in the Defence thereof four Millions two hundred and fifty five thousand Ducats, besides the Charge of Stores and Provisions, and had sacrificed the Lives of above twenty nine thousand Men, when they delivered up the Town, reduced to a heap of Rubbish, upon honourable Terms. Being now exhausted with this War of five and twenty Years Continuance, they were forced to incline to Peace, and quit all Pretensions to *Candia*, retaining only some few Places in the Neighbourhood of that Island.

1669.
Candia surrendered.

Peace between the Venetians and Turks.
1684.

In 1684 they entered into an Alliance with the Emperor, and the Crown of *Poland* against the *Turks*; in which War, under the Conduct of their General *Morosini*, they reduced all the *Morea* to their Obedience, and had several other signal Successes both by Land and Sea. The ducal Dignity was in 1688 conferr'd on *Morosini*, who still continuing General, took the Castles of *Patras* and *Romelia*, which guard the Entrance of the Gulph of *Lepanto*, together with the City of that Name, and several other considerable Towns; and the Republick's General, *Cornaro*, also took *Castel Novo* in *Dalmatia*; but *Morosini* failing in his Design of surprizing *Negroponte*, took

The War renewed, and the Venetians reduce the Morea, &c.
1688.
and take several other Places.

took however *Napoli di Romania*. Under *Sebastian Valier*, *Morofini's* Successor in the Government, the *Turks* retook the Isle of *Scio*, which obliged the Republick to increase her Forces both by Sea and Land. In 1697 the *Venetian* General failed to the *Isthmus* of the *Morea*, where he defeated seven thousand *Turkish* Foot, and three thousand Horse, supported by the Fleet, which also suffered; and in a Naval Engagement near *Andri*, the Enemy lost five thousand Men.

The *Turks* retake *Scio*.

1684.

A Peace again concluded at *Carlowitz*. 1699.

At length a Peace was concluded with the Infidels, in the Beginning of the Year 1699, at *Carlowitz*, in *Sclavonia*, by which the *Venetians* continued in Possession of all their Acquisitions, to wit, the *Morea*, or *Peloponnesus*, with the Islands, and Places of *Albania* which were taken in the Beginning of the War: But they thought fit to abandon their Conquests in *Livadia*, because, having no strong Fortresses on that side, their Subjects would be continually expos'd to the Insults of the *Turks*, and might afford endless Matter for Broils between the State and that Nation. Since that time they enjoyed a profound Peace till the Year 1713, which, by the great Preparations making through the *Ottoman* Empire, threatned them with a new War.

1713.

Having said thus much relating to that fam'd Republick of *Venice*, we come next, according to the Order observed in the first Book, to the *Pisans*; but their Affairs are so much involved with those of the *Genoese*, who next follow, that it would be superfluous to treat of them in particular; wherefore we shall pass on to the Naval Wars between the *Genoese*, and those they had to contend with.

CHAPTER VI.

Of the Naval Wars of the Genoese, containing those they were engaged in with the Pisans, and with the Venetians.

How the *Genoese* were at first governed.

They throw off the *Yok*, and chuse *Consuls*.

THE City and Coast of *Genoa* being subdued by the *Romans* about the Year of the City 599, was possessed and governed by them in form of a Province, 'till the Irruption of the barbarous Nations into the Western Empire, when the *Lombards* became Masters of it, who being reduced by *Charlemagne*, it continued under his Successors 'till the Year 1099, at which time the *Genoese* threw off all foreign Dominion, and the Capital City chose *Consuls* for the Government of the whole. It continued a Scene of great Revolutions and Changes of Government 'till the Time of the Emperor *Charles V*, when it was settled in that Form of Government by which it is now ruled.

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The Naval Wars of the *Genoese* were chiefly with these three Nations, the *Saracens*, the *Pisans*, and the *Venetians*; and their most ancient Expeditions, after the Reduction of *Corsica* and *Sardinia*, were those to *Syria*. In the first Holy War after the taking of *Antioch*, *Hugh Embriachi*, Admiral of the *Genoese* Fleet in the *Levant*, reduced *Seleucia*, *Antipatris* and *Cæsarea*, together with *Acre*, *Gibel*, *Tripoli*, *Baruth*, and several other Cities of *Syria* and *Phœnicia*: And so vigilant were they, that wheresoever the *Saracens* appeared, there presently were the *Genoese* ready with a Fleet to oppose them. They recovered from out of their Hands the Island of *Minorca*, and took *Almeria* in *Granada*, and *Tortosa*, in *Catalonia*, with prodigious Slaughter of the Infidels, who defended them: Long before which, they dispossessed them of the Islands of *Corsica* and *Sardinia*, in which Conquests they were assisted by *Pipin* (the Son of *Charlemagne*) then King of *Italy*: And so powerful were they at Sea, that in the Mediterranean none were able to oppose them, if the *Pisans* and *Venetians* had not undertaken to war against them. We shall first discuss their Broils with the *Pisans*, then those with the *Venetians*, and lastly those with other Nations in general.

They take several Cities in Syria and Phœnicia.

Also Minorca, and several Places from the Saracens.

They war with the Pisans.

The Coasts of *Sardinia* and *Corsica* were for a long time the constant Seat of War, the *Saracens*, *Genoese*, and *Pisans*, as it were taking their Turns in the Possession of those Islands, and driving out one another. In 1115, the *Saracens*, under their Leader *Musaetus*, burnt the City of *Pisa*, and repairing to *Sardinia*, expelled the *Pisans* from thence; and reduced the Island; whereupon the *Genoese* were invited into an Alliance with the *Pisans*, and undertook an Expedition with them to *Sardinia*, wherein they were so successful, as not only to recover all that the *Pisans* had lost, but, in a Sea Fight, took *Musaetus* Prisoner, and sent him to *Genoa*; however Disputes arising between the two Allies, about the Division of the Spoil, they had two or three successive Wars and Reconciliations, 'till at length the *Pisans* were forced to yield to the *Genoese*. Their Sea Fights, in which sometimes one and sometimes the other were Conquerors, are so numerous that it will be necessary to pass by very many of them, and take Notice only of the most remarkable.

1155
The Saracens burn Pisa, and recover Sardinia.

The Pisans assisted by the Genoese recover all they had lost.

The *Genoese*, in a sharp and bloody Engagement, having given the *Pisans* a great Overthrow, reduced *Corsica*, and possessed themselves of *Piombino* and the adjacent Country, and laying siege to *Pisa*, would not rise from before it, till they had obliged the Inhabitants (who were reduced to great Extremities) to agree that all the Houses of the City should be pulled down to the first Story, and that there should not be any built higher. The *Pisans*, stung with this Disgrace, suddenly attacked the *Genoese* in the *Levant*, in *Sicily*, and upon their own Coast, and gained several Advantages over them, defeating *Baldwin Guiercio*, the *Genoese* Admiral in a Sea Fight, and routing other of their Fleets on the Coasts of *Tuscany* and of *France*. After this the *Pisans* received a great Defeat off *Syracuse*, wherein they lost their whole Fleet, except five Gal-

A. D. 1127.
The Pisans and Genoese quarrelling, the former are reduced to great Extremities.

The Pisans have Success against the Genoese, and beat them at Sea.

lies,

The Pisans are beaten, but recover themselves.

lies, but soon retrieved their Affairs so well, that they attacked *Sardinia*, reduced *Algeri* (or *Larghes*) a Sea Port there, and took *Trapani* in *Sicily*; and, had it not been for the Valour of the *Dorias* and *Spinolas*, had gone near to have accomplished the Ruin of the Republick. In three Days time a Fleet of seventy Gallies was fitted out under the Command of *Aubert Doria*, nine under *Henry Mari*, and twenty under *Caccianimico de la Volta*. The *Pisans* at the same time committed the Management of their Naval Preparations to Count *Ugolin* and *Andrew Saraceni*, who soon fitted out a Fleet of forty four Sail under the Command of *John Cavalca*, which Officer repaired with twenty of the best Gallies to *Sardinia*, in quest of *Mari*, and off that Island came to an Engagement with him, which lasted from Morning till Night, wherein at length he lost fifteen Sail, and had much ado to escape with the remaining five to *Pisa*.

They are again beaten.

It was now the time for chusing a new Podestat at that Place, the annual chief Magistrate of that Republick, and they elected *Peter Morosini* a *Venetian*, hoping by such a Choice to engage that State on their side, which ever since the Beginning of the War had continued Neuter. They sent out their new Podestat with seventy two Gallies against the *Genoese*, who on their Part detached a Fleet of eighty Gallies and eight Frigates under the Command of *Aubert Doria*, *Conrade Spinola* being his Vice-Admiral. Between the *Mallora* and *Leghorn* the two Fleets met, where *Doria*, to prevent the Enemy's escaping, placed one Squadron between them and the Shore; and another Division, under *Benedict Giacaria*, was disposed at a convenient Distance, to come in, upon occasion, to the Relief of such Gallies as should be distressed, with a Tender for each Gally. The *Pisans* were much inferior in Number, but notwithstanding *Doria's* Precautions, they got near enough to the Shore to fight under the Protection of the Castles of *Leghorn*. *Morosini* had the Command of their Right Wing, and the Son of Count *Ugolin* was in the Left, in the Admiral Gally of *Pisa*, displaying the chief Flag of the Republick. The Dispute was long and obstinate, till at length the *Genoese* made themselves Masters of the Admiral Gally, and struck the Flag; whereupon ensued a general Terror amongst the *Pisans*, insomuch that the *Genoese* gained a compleat Victory, possessing themselves of thirty Gallies, having already sunk seven in the Heat of the Engagement, the rest with difficulty, under Cover of the Night, getting safe to *Pisa*. The Number of the Slain on the Side of the *Pisans* amounted to above five thousand, and very many were taken Prisoners, among whom was the Podestat himself, and the Son of Count *Ugolin*, who were sent, with the rest to *Genoa*, where they were found to be no less than nine thousand; which gave Rise to a Saying in *Italy* that, *If one would see Pisa, he must go to Genoa*. This Victory was so considerable that the *Genoese* Senate caused the 6th of *August*, the Day on which it was obtained, to be kept as a solemn Anniversary, and the Flag that was taken from the Enemy was hung up in the great Church of *St. Matthew* as a Trophy of their Success. After this they reduced the

A notable Fight between the Fleets of Pisa and Genoa, and the former routed.

A. D. 1284.

Island of *Elba*, plundered *Leghorn*, destroyed the Tower at the Entrance of the Port of *Pisa*, and carried away the Chain which was laid across for its Security. This Blow was so fatal to the *Pisans*, that they could never recover it, and at once there was an end put to that Power which had formerly quelled the *Saracens*, and drove them out of *Sardinia*, that had reduced *Tunis*, and sent its King Captive to the Roman Pontiff, taken *Palermo*, the Capital of *Sicily*, from the *Saracens*, with prodigious Slaughter of the *Barbarians*; had opened the way to *Syria* for the Christian Princes, and had been greatly assistant both to the Kings of *Arragon*, and the Emperors of *Germany*: But there opens next a Scene of War to the *Genoese* with a more formidable Enemy, the *Venetians*.

The Genoese take the island Elba, and do great Mischiefs to the Pisans.

An end put to the Pisan Power.

The Venetians and Genoese quarrel, and why.

Henry Piscator, Governor of the South Parts of the *Morea*, with a Number of *Genoese* Ships which were sent as Auxiliaries to him, took the City of *Candia*, and several other Places of that Island from the *Venetians*: And soon after a great Dispute happened between the two Nations at *Acre* in *Syria*, as we have before mentioned. *Paleologus*, Emperor of the *Greeks*, having given to the *Genoese* the City of *Smyrna*, and the Island of *Scio*, it created a great Animosity in the *Venetians*, and administer'd frequent Occasions of Disputes between them. The *Genoese* were then Masters of the City of *Tyre*, in *Syria*, as the *Venetians* were of *Acre*, so that there was no navigating in the *Levant* without the utmost Hazard from one or other of the two Nations. In the beginning of the War, ten *Venetian* Merchant Ships, richly laden, were taken by *Stephen Grilli*, the *Genoese* Admiral, under the Walls of *Durazzo*; the *Venetian* Fleet was also forced to retreat from before *Tyre*, to which they had laid Siege; and *Aubert Doria* took and plundered the City of *Canea*, and levelled great part of it with the Ground. Soon after the *Genoese* fitted out a Fleet of five and twenty Gallies, under the Command of *Luke Grimaldi*, assisted by two Persons of Senatorian Rank in the Nature of Collegues, which *Grimaldi*, in his way to *Syria*, took three *Venetian* Ships, and attacking the Citadel of *Acre*, in a short time forced it to surrender; to revenge which Loss, the *Venetians* surprized and plundered *Pera* and *Fochia*, two wealthy Settlements of the *Genoese*, and carried off a Booty of immense Riches. As they were returning home, under the Command of *Roger Morosini*, they were attacked by *Nicholas Spinola*, the *Genoese* Admiral, who recovered the Booty, and entirely defeated them, taking five and twenty of their Gallies.

The Genoese take Candia, &c.

Several Merchant Ships,

and the City Canea from the Venetians.

Alternate Successes of the Venetians and Genoese.

Having got ready a Fleet of seventy three Sail, they put *Lambo Doria* at the Head of it, who sailing into the *Adriatick* in quest of the *Venetians*, fell in, off *Curzola*, with their Fleet commanded by *Andrew Dandolo*, consisting of double the Number of the *Genoese*. Notwithstanding this great Superiority, he bravely engaged them, and with so good Success, that he took or destroyed the whole Fleet, except twelve Gallies which got off, very much shattered. The *Venetian* Admiral was taken Prisoner, with above seven thousand others; with which Misfortune he was so much afflicted, that

A. D. 1298.

They beat the Venetian Fleet.

Beat them a-
gain near the
Dardaneles,

he beat out his Brains on the Poop of the Ship on board which he was carried. Nor did the *Venetians*, under *Mark Baffo*, engage the *Genoese* with more Success near the *Dardanelles*, where they lost sixteen Gallies: and after this *Philip Doria* laid waste the Island of *Negroponte*, and took the chief Town of the same Name.

and after-
ward beat
the united For-
ces of the
Greek Emper-
ror, Arragon,
and Venice,

Then the *Greek Emperor* and the King of *Arragon* entering into an Alliance with the *Venetians*, the *Genoese* yet more increased their Reputation, by defeating the united Force of so many Enemies confederated against them. The *Venetians* fitted out forty Gallies under the Command of *Nicholas Pisani*, and *Pancratius Justiniani*, Captain of the Gulph; and the King of *Arragon* eighty, under the Command of *Don Pontius de Leon*, who sailing up the *Archipelago*, joined the Fleet of *John Catacuzenus* the *Greek Emperor*. The *Genoese* Fleet consisted of sixty Sail, under the Orders of *Pagan Doria*, a Captain of great Reputation, who near *Pera*, in the Streights of *Constantinople*, fell in with the Fleet of the Confederates, and upon their approaching him, he disposed his Fleet in two Divisions, and made the Signal for engaging. The *Venetians* received the *Genoese* with great Courage, but being too near the Shore, they could not sufficiently extend their Front, so that several of their Gallies were rendered useless, which gave the *Genoese* a great Advantage; and having fought very bravely all Day, they were at length forced to betake themselves to flight, and leave the *Genoese* Masters of the Sea, having lost near four thousand Men, among whom were two hundred *Catalan* Knights; and *Don Pontius de Leon*, *Stephen Contarini*, Procurator of *St. Mark*, *John Strevo*, and *Pancratius Justiniani* were of the Number of the slain; whereas the Loss of the *Genoese* did not amount to above seven hundred. Thirty of the *Venetian* Gallies were taken, with eighteen of the *Arragonese*; but the *Greeks* being in the Rear, they had no Share in the Engagement, so that they retreated without any Loss. The shattered Remains of the *Venetian* Fleet made the best of their way to *Candia*, while *Doria* came with his victorious Gallies before *Constantinople*, whereby he so dismayed the *Greek Emperor*, that he was glad to consent to a Peace with the Republick. This

and again
beat the Ve-
netians and
their Confe-
derates.

A. D. 1352.

The Greek
Emperor forced
to make
Peace with
Genoa.

The Genoese
again over-
come the Ve-
netians.

Pagan Doria defeated two Years after, off the Isle of *Sapienza*, another Fleet of the *Venetians* commanded by the same *Nicholas Pisani*, in which Engagement the *Venetians* had five thousand Men taken Prisoners, among whom was the Admiral himself, and near as many were slain; and *Doria*, having sent the Prisoners to *Genoa*, sailed up the *Adriatick*, where he burnt and plundered the Town of *Parento* in *Istria*.

Take Fama-
gusta, and ob-
lige the King
of Cyprus to
ask Peace.

This War was followed by another with *Cyprus*, which was set on foot and supported by the *Venetians*, who instigated *Peter de Lusignan*, King of the Island, against the *Genoese*. *Peter Fulgose* was thereupon detached to *Cyprus* with a Fleet of forty three Gallies, where he laid siege to *Famagusta*, and having made himself Master of the Place, soon reduced the King of *Cyprus* to such Extremities, that he was obliged to accept of a Peace at the

Discre-

Discretion of the Conquerors, granting them the Possession of *Famagusta*, and agreeing to pay them an annual Pension of forty thousand Crowns. So high at this time ran the Reputation of the Republick, that her Friendship was earnestly courted by several States, and by some purchased with Money. *Andronicus Junior*, undertaking to dispossess his Uncle of the same Name, who sat on the the Throne of the *Greek Empire*, he, in order to engage the *Genoese* in his Interest, gave them the Island of *Tenedo* in the *Archipelago*, which *Emanuel*, the Son of *Calo Johannes*, about the same time promised to the *Venetians*, if they would assist him in obtaining the Empire.

The Friendship of the Genoese courted.

Hereupon a new War broke out between the *Genoese* and *Venetians*, with the former of whom sided *Lewis King of Hungary*, *Francis Carraro*, Prince of *Padua*, the Archduke of *Austria*, and the Patriarch of *Aquileia*; and with the latter *Barnaby Visconti*, Duke of *Milan*, with *Peter de Lusignan*, King of *Cyprus*, who took this Opportunity of breaking his late Treaty. The *Genoese Fleet* under *Lucian Doria*, entering the *Adriatick*, fell in with that of *Venice*, commanded by *Victor Pisani*, and immediately engaging each other, they fought with great Bravery on both sides; in which Dispute the *Genoese Admiral* was slain with an Arrow. But that which usually occasions the Loss of a Battel, (which often follows the Fate of the General) here greatly contributed to the obtaining the Victory; for those who were near him, seeing him fall, vowed Revenge to his *Manes*, while those who were at a greater Distance, (deceived by another Person who took his Post, appeared with the same Arms, and fought with the like Resolution) thought it a Dishonour not to imitate the Example of their supposed Admiral: So that at length they gained a compleat Victory, the Enemy retiring with the Loss of fifteen Gallies. Hereupon the *Genoese* sailed up the *Adriatick* after them, and seized *Humago*, on the Coast of *Istria*, which Success was followed soon after by the Reduction of *Grado* and *Caorle*. Proceeding thence, they attacked *Palestrina* and *Chiozza*, both in the Neighbourhood of *Venice*, and carried the first with little or no Resistance, but the latter cost them a Siege. This was undertaken by *Peter Doria*, whom the *Genoese* had sent out with a Reinforcement of fifteen Gallies to succeed *Lucian*, slain in the late Fight. He forced *Chiozza* to surrender, and reduced the *Venetians* to such Extremities, that they would gladly have accepted a Peace on any Conditions, and sent Ministers to implore it at his Hands; but he fatally resolving to continue the War, well nigh compleated the Ruin of his Country. However, after this, he reduced the Town and Island of *Malamocco*, but in a short time was slain in an Engagement near *Loredo*, as is beforementioned, and left the *Genoese Affairs* in an ill Condition to his Successor *Gaspar Spinola*. After this the *Venetians* had such signal Successes, that they dispossessed them of all their Acquisitions in those Parts, and forced them to retire out of the *Adriatick*; so that the *Genoese* becoming weary of the War, were glad now to accept of a Peace they had of late so haughtily refused.

A new War breaks out between Genoa and Venice, with the reason thereof.

The Venetians beaten at Sea, and several Places taken by the Genoese.

They take Chiozza, and reduce Venice to great Extremities.

Venice dispossesse Genoa of all her Acquisitions, and they accept of Peace.

A. D. 1381.

A War breaks out between the Genoeſe and Florentines.

A War ſoon after breaking out between the *Genoeſe* and *Florentines*, the *Venetians*, taking part with the latter, entered the Territories of *Philip* Duke of *Milan*, who was in Alliance with *Genoa*, and in their Engagements aſhore had good Succeſs, but were worſted when they came to fight with their Gallies on the *Po*. *Nicholas Treviſano* commanded thoſe of the *Venetians*, as *John Grimaldi*, an expert *Genoeſe* Captain, did thoſe of the Duke of *Milan*; who falling down from *Pavia* with his Fleet, near *Cremona*, engaged that of the *Venetians* (which was greatly ſuperior) with ſuch Succeſs, that he obtained a ſignal Victory, and took twenty eight of the Enemy's Veſſels.

The Venetians who ſided with the Florentines beaten near Cremona.

1431. Are again beaten near Scio.

The Genoeſe take the Iſlands *Nacſia* and *Andri*. A. D. 1432. A Peace made between *Venice* and *Genoa*, and the Power of the latter eclipsed.

In 1431, *Andrew Mocenigo*, Admiral of the *Venetian* Fleet, making an Attempt upon the Iſland of *Scio*, was defeated by *Raphael Montaldo*, who ſunk ſeveral of his Ships there, the reſt being deſtroyed by Tempeſts in his Return home. He had ſcarce made his Retreat from thence, when *Peter Spinola* arrived with a Fleet of twenty four Sail from *Genoa*, who finding the Enemy retired, attacked, and reduced the Iſlands of *Nacſia* and *Andri*. In this manner was the War carried on between them with various Succeſs, till the Year 1432, when a Peace was concluded between them by the Mediation of the Marquis of *Ferrara*, upon Terms the moſt advantageous to the *Venetians*; ſince which time the *Genoeſe* have not been in any Capacity to cope with that Republick.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Genoeſe, containing thoſe they have been engaged in with other Nations beſides the Piſans and Venetians.

The Wars of the Genoeſe in general. 1206.

HAVING thus related their Wars with the *Piſans*, we come now to treat of thoſe they were engaged in with other People in general. In the Year 1206, *John Strozza* being Podęſtat of *Genoa*, (for ſo their chief Magiſtrate was then called) there were appointed (beſides the Conſuls, who executed the Office of Judges) four of the principal Citizens to aſſiſt him in the Care and Cognizance of maritime Affairs, who were called the Conſuls of the Sea. The Republick was then in a very flouriſhing Condition; for the Cities of *Nice* and *Vintimiglia* had, of their own accord, ſubmitted to her Obedience; and ſhe poſſeſſed *Ceuta* in *Barbary*, the City of *Tyre* in *Syria*, and the Iſlands of *Corſica* and *Sardinia*.

What Places the Genoeſe poſſeſſed.

A. D. 1300.

The Factions of the Guelphs and Gibellines.

The City and Port were greatly enlarged when the Families of *Doria* and *Spinola* bore the chief Sway, ſometimes ruling alternately, and ſometimes jointly, till at length they became divided in the Factions of the *Guelphs* and *Gibellines*. The *Doria's*, who took part with the *Gibellines*, being expelled the City, laid waſte

all the Coasts of the Republick, with their Depredations; whereupon *Frederick Marabota* was sent out against them with a Fleet, who coming up with the Ships of the *Doria's*, found them greatly superior; so that not thinking it proper to hazard an Engagement, if it could be possibly avoided, he used his best Endeavours to get clear of them, and Night coming on, by help of the following Stratagem, favoured his Escape. He took a Number of wooden Shields, and placing Lamps in the Hollow of them, set them afloat, which the *Doria's* imagining were the Lights of the Gallies, went in quest of the Shields, while he, steering another Course, got out of the reach of his Enemies.

Frederick Marabota sent with a Fleet against the Doria's; but avoids them by a Stratagem.

At length, the Subjects of *Arragon* very much infesting the Coasts of the Republick, and of *Sardinia*, the two contending Factions united for their common Defence, and fitted out a Fleet of forty five Gallies, the Command whereof was given to *Anthony Grimaldi*, who repairing to the Coasts of *Catalonia*, surprized a considerable Number of Ships belonging to *Tarragona*, which lay at Anchor under the Shore, and set them all on fire. From thence stretching over to *Majorca*, he there made a Descent, and formally declared War in the Name of the Republick against the King of *Arragon*, to whom that Island, with *Minorca*, then belonged; and departing thence, he, off Port *Mabou*, fell in with the Enemy's Fleet of forty two Gallies, which he engaged and put to flight.

The two Factions join a gainst those of Arragon, and beat them at Sea.

A. D. 1333.

The next Year, *Salagro Nigri* cruising off *Minorca* with ten of the Republick's Gallies, fell in with four stout Ships of War of the Enemies, in their Passage from *Cagliari* to *Barcelona*, with several noble *Catalans* and their Families. He was resolved not to let so rich a Booty escape him, and therefore, though the Enemy were going right afore the Wind with a fresh Gale, he would not leave any thing unattempted which might contribute to his coming up with them, insomuch that he lightened his Gallies of every thing which could retard their way, and threw over all his Provisions, telling the Seamen there was enough on board the Ships before them, and that they must overtake them, or starve. This succeeded so well, that he soon came up with the Ships, and, after a smart Dispute, made himself Master of them, killing a considerable Number of Men, and taking seven hundred Prisoners. Thence making the best of his way for *Sardinia*, he on that Coast met with ten Sail of the Enemy's Ships, which he also engaged, and taking them all, returned in Triumph to *Genoa*: And now the Quarrel between the *Guelphs* and *Gibellines* reviving, there was nothing more done against the *Arragonese*; but the Divisions in the City were so great, that it caused an Alteration in the Form of Government, *Simon Boccanigra* being made the first Doge.

The Genoese meet with, and take several Ships of Arragon.

The Quarrel between the Guelphs and Gibellines revives.

A. D. 1340. *Simon Boccanigra the first Doge.*

Under his Administration, *Simon Quarto* was sent up the *Archipelago* with a Squadron of nine Gallies, who arriving at *Pera*, had great Complaints made to him of the Depredations committed on the *Genoese* Ships by *Zarabis*, a *Mahometan* Prince, who then possessed *Sinopoli*; whereupon he made sail towards that Place, in order to lay siege to it; but on his Arrival there, *Zarabis* engaging

The Treachery
of a Mahometan
Prince.

gaging by Treaty not to molest the *Genoese* in their Trade any more, he repaired to *Capha*, in *Little Tartary*, then a flourishing Settlement of the Republick's. Upon his Departure, the Infidel, without any regard to his Treaty, resolved to seize on some *Genoese* Merchant Ships richly laden, in their way to the *Helle Spont*, and went out with a Squadron of ten Gallies for that purpose; but *Quarto* receiving Intelligence of his Design, reinforced his Squadron with some Gallies which were at *Capha*, and failed in quest of *Zarabis*, with whom engaging, he entirely defeated him.

The Genoese
entirely defeat
his Fleet.

They assist the
King of Castile
against the King of
Morocco.

About the same time a Fleet of twenty Sail was sent under the Command of *Giles Boccanigra*, the Doge's Brother, to the Assistance of *Alphonfus*, King of *Castile*, then engaged in a War with *Ben-Jacob*, King of *Morocco*, who rendered great Service to that Prince against his Enemies; and soon after *Bussenus Egubius* was sent out with another Fleet on the same Service, who took or destroyed twelve of the Enemy's Gallies.

A. D. 1345.

In 1345, a Fleet of twenty nine Sail was fitted out under the Command of *Simon Vignoso*, on board each of the Ships whereof were put two hundred Archers; and before the Admiral set sail, the Standard of *St. George*, Patron of *Genoa*, was with great Ceremony put into his Hands by the Doge, in the Place of *St. Laurence*. With this Fleet *Vignoso* repaired first to *Terracina*, against *Nicholas*, Count of *Fundi*, who had declared against the Republick, and by seizing that Place, with some of his Castles about *Gaeta*, soon brought him to Reason; and proceeding thence to the *Archipelago*, recovered the Island *Scio*, on whose Inhabitants he conferred the Privileges of Citizens of *Genoa*, and reduced both *Fochia Nova* and *Fochia Veja* to the Obedience of the Republick.

Overcome the
Coast of Fundi,
and recover
the Island
Scio.

A. D. 1353.
Genoa submits to the
Government
of the Duke
of Milan.
They beat the
Pirates of
Tripoli, and
the Doge is re-
stored.

The *Genoese* could not long continue without a Change of Government, and now in 1353, the prevailing Faction submitted to *John Visconti*, Duke of *Milan*, under whose Administration *Philip Doria* went out with a Fleet of twenty Sail to the Coast of *Barbary*, where having defeated a considerable Force of the Pirates, he seized and plundered *Tripoli*, their Place of Habitation, and laid waste all the adjacent Country. *Visconti's* Government was soon at an end, and *Simon Boccanigra*, the late Doge, was again restored to that Dignity, who dying, was succeeded by *Gabriel Adorni*, and he by *Dominick Campofulgofo*; in whose Time the Island of *Malta* was reduced to the Obedience of *Genoa* by *Thomas Marchi*.

A. D. 1371.
The Genoese
reduce Malta,
A. D. 1387.

In 1387, *Anthony Adorni* being Doge, the *Genoese* made a famous Expedition to *Tunis*, towards which they received great Assistance both from the *French* and *English*, of which latter there was sent to them a Regiment, consisting mostly of Gentlemen Volunteers, under the Command of the Earl of *Derby*. But the Success of this Undertaking was not answerable to the great Preparations made for it, or the Strength of the Fleet and Army; which after having suffered very much, returned without having gained any other Advantage than the Reduction of the Isle of *Zerbi*, a Place of small Consequence on the Coast of *Tripoli*.

and with
their Allies go
against Tunis,
but take only
the Isle of
Zerbi.

Ten Years after they submitted to the *French King, Charles VI,* and received for Governour from him *Valerand de Luxembourg,* Count of *Sr. Paul,* but in a short time growing weary of him, they massacred all the *French* in the City, and invited the *Marquis of Montferat* to accept of their Obedience. In his time the *Genoeſe* renewed their old Quarrel with the *Catalans,* and under the Command of *Baptiſt Liſardo,* and *Paul Lercaro,* defeated their Fleet off of *Alexandria* in *Aegypt;* while *Andrew Doria* repairing with another Squadron to *Barcelona,* burnt ſome of the Enemy's Ships in the Road there.

They ſubmit to the French King, but ſoon after kill the French, and put themſelves under the Marquis of Montferat.

They beat the Fleet of the Catalans.

The *Genoeſe* not long after threw off the Government of the *Marquis of Montferat;* and in 1417, *Thomas Fregofe* being Doge, made a Peace with the *French,* who 'till that time only waited an Opportunity to recover the Government of the Republick into their Hands; but now the *Engliſh,* under *Henry V,* being Maſters of the greateſt Part of the Kingdom, the Regent willingly came into an Accommodation that might be of uſe to him againſt his Enemy. By this Treaty *Fregofe* engaged to furniſh the *French* with eight great Carracks, as many Gallies, and fix hundred Croſs-bow Men, commanded by *John Grimaldi,* who did great Service againſt the *Engliſh.* The two Fleets, each conſiſting of above a hundred Sail, came to an Engagement in the Mouth of the *Seine,* where the *Genoeſe* for a long time ſuſtained the moſt vigorous Attacks of the Enemy, and the Ship commanded by *Laurence Foglietta* defended it ſelf againſt ſeven *Engliſh* Ships, 'till ſhe was at length diſengaged by the Dexterity of a Sailor, who cut the Cordage which held the Stage the *Engliſh* had thrown over to her Deck from one of their Ships. But notwithſtanding all the Efforts the *Genoeſe* could make, the *French* loſt the Bartel, wherein *John de Franquimont,* the Son of the Vice-Admiral was ſlain, and the Baſtard of *Bourbon,* who commanded the Fleet, remained a Priſoner to the *Engliſh,* who alſo took four of the *Genoeſe* Carracks, on board which was a Sum of Money for the Payment of three Months Wages for the whole Fleet.

A. D. 1417.

Throw off the Government of Montferat, and make Peace with France.

They aid the French againſt the Engliſh.

A Sea Fight between the French, Genoeſe and Engliſh.

The French and Genoeſe beaten.

In 1420, *Alphonſus* King of *Arragon* invading the Iſland of *Corfica,* had *Calvi* preſently ſurrendered to him, and proceeding thence to *Bonifacio* laid ſiege to that Place, carrying on the ſame with ſuch Vigour that the Inhabitants being ſoon reduced to great Diſtreſs, diſpatched a Meſſenger to *Genoa* to deſire ſpeedy Relief, whereupon *John Baptiſt Fregofe* was ſent with a Squadron of ſeven great Ships to their Aſſiſtance. King *Alphonſus,* to prevent the City's receiving any Relief by Sea, ſhut up the Entrance of the Harbour with a floating Boom, conſiſting of great Planks chained together, which was defended within by five large Ships ranged in a Line, from the two outermoſt whereof were Stages laid acroſs to the Shore, as there were alſo from one Ship to the other; and on each ſide of the Harbour's Mouth were raiſed Batteries of Cannon. On the Arrival of *Fregofe* off of *Bonifacio,* the Garrifon ſent him Advice, by a dextrous Swimmer, of the State of their Affairs, by whom he ſignified his Directions to them to keep a good look out on their Walls,

A. D. 1420.

The Genoeſe help thoſe of Corfica againſt the King of Arragon

and

And breaking
the Boom in
Bonifazio
Harbour.

and to be very vigilant, that so they might prevent a Surprise, which the Enemy would probably now attempt; and when they should observe he was attacking the Boom and Ships, to fall out with a Body of stout Fellows, each with an Ax in his Hand, and cut the Cables by which the Ships were held. The first Ship that began the Attack was one of considerable Force, commanded by *James Benicia*, which going afore the Wind with a brisk Gale, forced her way through the Boom, and opened a Passage to the Enemy's five Ships. Being immediately followed by others, there began a warm Dispute, which was maintained for a long time with considerable Loss on both sides. At length a skilful Diver, armed with a Helmet on his Head, and a Scymitar hung to his Side, threw himself into the Sea, and swimming under Water to the Enemy's Ships, cut their Cables; which being thus loos'd soon fell foul of one another with great Destruction. The Harbour being thus opened, *Fregose* put into the Town his Reinforcement for the Garrison, with a Supply of Provisions, and passing through the midst of the Enemy's Fleet, which waited for him off the Harbour's Mouth, returned safely to *Genoa*.

They relieve
Corfica.

The Duke of
Milan re-
solves to at-
tack them.

He beats
them at Sea,
and they sub-
mit to him.

The Turks
do much Mis-
chief to them.

They beat the
Fleet of Arra-
gon.

Shake off the
Duke of Mil-
lan, and set-
tle their
Government
on six.

They establish
René Duke of
Anjou in Na-
ples.

Now fresh Disturbances arising in the City, several who had been busie in sowing Sedition, were sentenced to Banishment, who repairing to *Philip* Duke of *Milan*, so effectually pleaded their Cause with him, that he resolv'd to attack the Republick, and for that purpose hired eight Gallies of the *Arragonese*, which he added to a number of his own, to attempt them by Sea. This Fleet he put under the Command of *Raymond Corvariani*, who, in the Mouth of the *Arno*, engaged the *Genoese* Fleet, and with such Success that he took five Gallies, together with *Baptist Fulgose*, the Admiral who commanded them; upon the News of which Defeat the City submitted it self to *Philip*. Under his Government their Affairs very much declined, the *Turks* taking from them all that they possessed in the Black Sea, and infested them with a Squadron of Gallies even in their very Port, where the Infidels landed, and carried off a great Booty. *Philip* being engaged in a War with *Alphonfus* King of *Arragon* (who was also King of both *Sicilies*, to wit, the Island of that Name and the Kingdom of *Naples*) he sent out *Biugio Asfere* to the Head of the *Genoese* Fleet, who entirely defeated the Enemy off *Gaeta*, and took *Alphonfus* himself Prisoner, together with several other Persons of great Quality.

Soon after this, the *Genoese*, upon occasion of the Duke of *Milan*'s ill Treatment of them, resolv'd to throw off his Yoke, and, under the Conduct of *Francis Spinola*, executed their Design, driving all the *Milanese* out of the City, and killing *Opizini Alzate*, the Person whom the Duke had made their Governour. Then settling the Administration of the Government in the Hands of six Officers, with the Title of Defenders of the publick Liberty, (in opposition to *Philip* and *Alphonfus*, who were now reconciled) they espous'd the Cause of *René* Duke of *Anjou*, *Alphonfus*'s Competitor for the Crown of *Naples*, and, notwithstanding all the Efforts of their Enemies, established him in that Kingdom.

Not

Not long after happened another Change of Government among them, and *Raphael Adorni* was made Doge, who was succeeded by several others in that Dignity, 'till at length the Republick came again into the Hands of the Dukes of *Milan*; and under *Lewis Sforza*, one of those Princes, they became engaged in a War with *Charles VIII.* the French King. The *Genoese* Fleet was commanded by *Spinola*, and that of the French by *Miolani*, who fought before *Rapallo*, when the latter received a total Defeat, *Miolani* being taken Prisoner, with all the rest of the Officers and Seamen who were not slain in the Fight; and the Recovery of *Rapallo*, then held by the Enemy, was the Reward of the Victory. But *Francis I.* in 1515, revenged this Disgrace, and outed *Maximilian Sforza* of his Dominions; so that not only the Duchy of *Milan*, but the State of *Genoa*, came into the Hands of the French, who administer'd the Government of the latter by *Octavian Fulgose*.

The Government of the Doge re established, but soon after they submit to the Duke of Milan.

The French Fleet beaten by that of Genoa.

A. D. 1515. *The French make themselves Masters of Milan and Genoa.*

In his time the Seas about *Genoa* were mightily infested by the Depredations of *Cortologi*, a Pirate of *Barbary*, in quest of whom a Squadron was detached under the Command of *Frederick Fulgose*, the Brother of the Governour; who sailing over to *Barbary*, where they little expected such a Guest, enter'd the Port of *Biser-ta*, and surprized fifteen Gallies and seven *Saetia's* lying there, with a great Number of Christian Slaves on board, all which he safely brought off with him, after having first fired the Suburbs of the Town. The *Genoese* did not long continue in Subjection to the French, the Emperor *Charles V.* laying siege to the City and reducing it to his Obediencce; from whom nevertheless the French soon after re-took it, and their Faction, under the Command of *Philip Doria*, defeated, in an Engagement at Sea, the Emperor's Fleet commanded by *Hugh de Moncada*. That Officer was slain in the Fight, and several Persons of Quality remained Prisoners to the *Genoese* only two Gallies of the Enemy's whole Fleet making their Escape. The Prisoners were sent to *Andrew Doria* then the French King's Admiral in the Mediterranean, who soon after quitting the French Interest, and entering into the Emperor's Service, obtained of him, as a Reward for his Defection, (which was attended with that of *Genoa*) the Power of restoring his Country to its Liberty, at which time he settled the Government of it in the manner it continues at this time.

The Genoese take several Barbary Pirates.

Genoa reduced by the Emperor, but recovered by the French, and the Emperor's Fleet is beaten.

A. D. 1528. *Doria quits the French and serves the Emperor.*

Under the Conduct of this *Doria*, who was at the same time at the Head of the Emperor's Fleet, they took *Coron* in the *Morea* from the *Turks*, and burnt several of the Enemy's Ships there, but *Doria* put a Spanish Garrison into the Place. The next Year he repaired again to the Relief of *Coron*, being then besieged by *Laf Bey*, Sangiac of *Gallipoli*: And though his Fleet consisted of no more than thirty Ships, and twenty seven Gallies, a Force very much inferior to the Enemy's, yet he relieved the Town with a great Supply of Men and Provisions, which obliged the *Turks* to raise the siege. But in his return home three *Genoese* Gallies commanded by *Adorni*, parting Company with the rest of the Fleet, were taken on the Coast of *Calabria* by *Sinan Pasha*.

1532 *He burns several Turkish Ships and takes Coron.*

1535
He goes with
the Emperor
to Africa,
who restores
Muley Hassan
in Tunis.
A. D. 1537.

Barbaruffa
makes Doria
retreat.

Barbaruffa
obliges the Ge-
noese to deli-
ver a Son of
Sultan Palha's.

A. D. 1553.

Doria forces
the French to
abandon Cor-
fica.

A. D. 1560.
Genoa dis-
tressed by
Factions.
A. D. 1575.

A. D. 1624.

The Neapolitan
Admiral
cultivates the
Genoese
Gallies.

A. D. 1615.
The Pope, re-
fuses the Genoese,
etc. with a
View to re-
store Candia.

In 1535, *Doria* accompanied the Emperor to *Africa*, where that Prince having reduced the Castle of *Goletta*, with the Cities of *Tunis* and *Bona*, re-established *Muley Hassan* in the Kingdom of *Tunis*, who had been dispossessed of it by *Haradin Barbaruffa*, the famous Pirate. In 1537, *Doria* defeated a Squadron of twelve *Turkish* Gallies off *Corfu*, and the following Year he gave Battel to the forementioned *Barbaruffa*, then Admiral of the *Turkish* Fleet near the Island of *St. Maure*; but Fortune was not so favourable to him in this Engagement as she was wont; however he did not shew less Courage or Conduct in the Retreat he made, than in his former Victories; and toward the End of the Campaign found means to reduce *Castel Nuovo* in *Dalmatia*. The same Year *Barbaruffa* came with his Fleet before the Port of *Genoa*, and sent in to demand of the Senate the Person of *Hameth Reys Saleth*, a Son of *Sinan Palha's*, who had been taken Prisoner, which was at first refused him, but in revenge he so ravaged the Coasts of the Republick, that they were at length forced to comply with his Demand.

In 1553, the *French* having possessed themselves of the Island of *Corfica*, *Doria* went against them with a Fleet, having on board a Body of seven thousand Land Men, where he so effectually dealt with the Enemy, that he soon recovered the greatest Part of the Island, and at length forced the *French* entirely to abandon it. This great Man, during his Life-time, kept the Republick in a peaceable Condition at home, but after his Death, which happened in 1560, the State was miserably rent with Divisions between the ancient and new Nobles, which at length, in the Year 1575, were composed by the Mediation of the Pope.

Their History affords not any thing material from that time 'till the Year 1624, when, being under the Protection of *Spain*, they became engaged in a War with the *French* King and the Duke of *Savoy*, then at War with that Crown about the *Valtoline*: But they concluding a Peace two Years after, the *Genoese* were of course included therein; but not long after they were embroiled with the *Spaniards*, and in 1636, the Duke of *Ferandina*, Admiral of the *Neapolitan* Gallies, came before *Genoa* with a Design of surprizing it, to facilitate the Execution whereof a Body of Troops was marched from out of the *Milanese* to *Novi*; but the Senate having Intelligence of the intended Project, refused him Entrance into the Port, and putting themselves into a Posture of Defence, frustrated the Design.

The *Turks* in 1645, attacking the Island of *Candia* with a vast Fleet and Army, the then Pope *Innocent X.* was very pressing with all the Princes of *Italy* to join with the *Venetians* against the common Enemy; and particularly he solicited the *Genoese* to send their Gallies to their Assistance; but the Republick resolved, e'er they embarked in that Business, to get terminated in their Favour the Difference they had long had about Salutes with the Gallies of the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, and those of *Malta*. Upon their making that Demand, the Pope proposed that, to avoid Disputes, there should be no other Flag than his own, under which all the maritime Forces

of other Princes or States of *Italy* might fight, as Auxiliaries or Volunteers, without drawing any thing into Precedent as to Posts or Salutes. This Expedient the *Genoese* did not approve of, and resolving to take Advantage of the great Want there was of their Assistance, they not only demanded the Preference in this matter of the Gallies of the great Duke, who equal'd them in Power, and was superior to them in Dignity, and of those of the *Maltese*, who had on their Side long Prescription, and a Declaration of *Charles V.*, but they went so far as to require that their Ministers at *Rome* should be treated with the same Honours as the Ambassadors of Crowned Heads. It not being possible to grant them these Privileges, without disobliging all the rest of *Italy*, the Pope declined any farther Sollicitations with them, and made a vigorous Effort to send the *Venetians* himself the Assistance that was wanted.

High Demands of the Genoese, which the Pope refuses.

In 1656 the Republick was much afflicted with the Plague, and at the same time the *Corfaires* of *Barbary*, with a great Force, scoured the adjacent Seas, and interrupted all Commerce; whereupon a Fleet was fitted out against the Infidels, under the Command of *Hippolytus Centurioni*, who falling in with the Enemy's Fleet, consisting of forty Gallies, (a Number greatly superior to his own,) defended himself with signal Valour against them, and, after an obstinate Dispute, got clear of them, without the Loss of one Ship, or any other Damage, save the Misfortune of having one of his Hands shot off by a Cannon Ball in the Heat of the Engagement; and in *September*, the same Year, he went over to the Coast of *Barbary*, where, off of *Algier*, he took several Ships of the Enemy's. In 1658, the *Rovers* of *Barbary* took a *Genoese* Gally called the *St. Bernard*; but attacking the *Diamond*, a very rich Ship, bound home from *Lisbon*, her Captain finding himself not able to defend her against so great odds as three of the Enemy's Ships, resolved to blow her up, and laying Match to the Powder, jumped into his Long boat, where he had the Satisfaction of seeing his Enemies thrown up in the Air, with the Fragments of his Ship, as soon as ever they had boarded her.

A. D. 1656. Genoa is afflicted with the Plague.

The Genoese go against the Rovers of Barbary.

A. D. 1658.

The Master of a Genoese Ship blows her up.

The Republick in 1672 was attacked by the Duke of *Savoy*, with whom the following Year they came to a Peace, which was mediated by the *French* King; since when, the most remarkable Circumstance in their Affairs is the Bombardment of their City in 1684, by the Fleet of that Prince who was their late Mediator, which was occasioned by their Attachment at that time to the Interests of *Spain*, in pursuance whereof they had entered into some secret Negotiations with the Governor of *Milan*, which the *French* King apprehended to be against him. He therefore laid hold of the first Opportunity to quarrel with them, and in 1683, gave Orders to his Envoy at *Genoa*, to signify to the Senate, that if they launched the four new Gallies they had built, he should look upon it as a Declaration of Hostilities, and would issue Orders to his Subjects to seize them, or whatever else belonged to the Republick, wheresoever they should be met with on the Sea. Upon this Declaration of the *French* En-

A. D. 1672. The Genoese are attacked by the Duke of Savoy, but Peace made.

France quarrels with Genoa, and why.

voy's, the *Spanish* Resident demanded Audience of the Senate, and assured them of his Master's Protection and Support, who, he said, had already given Directions to the Governor of *Milan*, and the Admiral of his Fleet, to assist them, in case they should be attacked.

The Spaniards
declare War a-
gainst France.
A. D. 1684.

The *Spaniards* declared War with *France* in the beginning of the next Year, when the *Genoese*, having refused all the Demands of the *French* Envoy, and sent to Sea their Gallies, notwithstanding the positive Declaration he had made against it, were well assured the *French* King would not fail to express his Resentments, and therefore sent to demand Succours of the Governor of *Milan*, who marched down several Companies of *Spanish* Foot into their Territories. The *French* Envoy sending Advice of these Proceedings, was immediately recalled, and the King his Master took a Resolution to be revenged of the *Genoese*, to which purpose having provided a sufficient Force at *Toulon*, he sent the Marquis de *Seignelay*, then Secretary of State, down to that Place to take upon him the Command of the Fleet, consisting of fourteen Ships of War, twenty Gallies, ten Bomb-Vessels, two Fireships, eight *Flutes*, and seventeen *Tartanes*, with which he was to proceed to *Genoa*, and procure Satisfaction of the Republick.

The French
send a Fleet
with Bomb-
Vessels against
Genoa.

Accordingly setting sail, he arrived the seventeenth of *May* before the City, and the same Day the ten Bomb-Vessels, having each of them two Mortars on board, came to an Anchor within Cannon-shot of the Walls, disposing themselves in a Line from the Light-House, on their Left, to the Suburb of *Bisagno*, on the Right, the Ships of War being disposed in another Line astern of the Bomb-Vessels, at the Distance of about a quarter of a Mile; in the two Points of which Line were placed the Gallies in two Divisions. The *Flutes* and *Tartanes*, on board which were the Bombs and Powder for the Mortars, were ranged at a small Distance astern of the Gallies, but so near, as that they could easily supply the Bomb-Vessels with what they should have occasion for.

The Appearance of the Fleet in this Posture, soon brought out a Deputation from the Senate to the Marquis de *Seignelay*, to know what was his Master's Pleasure: Who having acquainted them with the Grounds of the *French* King's Resentments, (wherco, amongst other things, he accused them of concerting with the *Spaniards* a Design of burning his Ships and Gallies in the Ports of *Toulon* and *Marseilles*) made his Demands of Satisfaction, and gave them to understand, if they were not complied with, he had Orders to make them sensible of the King his Master's Indignation. The Deputies acquainted him they would make a Report of his Demands to the Senate, and then return him an Answer, which they did the same Evoning, by a general Discharge of all their Artillery next the Sea, on the Ships of the Fleet.

The City of
Genoa bom-
barded by the
French.

Thereupon the Signal was made for the Bombardiers to play on the City, which they did with such Success, that in two Hours time several of the Palaces and publick Buildings were seen to be on fire. The Mortars having continued playing, with great Execution, for
three

A Chart of the EAST INDIES:
 with the **COAST of PERSIA, CHINA**
 also the **PHILIPINA, MOLUCA and**
SUNDA ISLANDS &c.
 By Herman Moll Geographer.

PART OF

PERSIA

ASIA

MOGUL

BENGA LA

CHINA

ARABIA

INDIA

CANTON

INDIAN SEA

BAY OF BENGAL

TONQUIN

PART OF AFRICA

SEA

BAY OF PECEU

COCHIN CHINA

THE EASTERN or

SUNDA ISLANDS

BORNEO

Equinoctial Line

INDIAN OCEAN

NEW HOLLAND

I. St. Mary

I. Maurinias

I. Mascarenhas

Dos Garcias

Diego Rois

I. Mascarenhas

S. Brandon

Diego Rois

I. Mascarenhas

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three Days, in which time they threw in ten thousand Bombs, it was resolv'd to take Advantage of the Confusion the City was in, and make a Descent, which they did in the Suburb of *St. Pietro d' Arena*, where was a great Number of stately Palaces, which they entirely ruined in revenge to the Nobility, who obstructed the Republick's Submission to the Terms propos'd, which the Commonalty would gladly have agreed to. The *French* having performed this, but not without some Loss, retreated to their Boats; and when the Troops were all got on board, the Mortars began to play again, which having thrown in above thirteen hundred Bombs more, the Fleet weigh'd Anchor, and made sail to the Westward.

At length, by Mediation of the Pope, an Accommodation was brought about between the *French* King and the *Genoese*, who were forced to comply with most of his Demands, and to send their Doge in Person, accompanied with four Senators, to make their Submission at *Verfailles*; and since the Affairs of *Genoa* from the Conclusion of this Difference, afford not any thing material to our purpose, we proceed next to the Naval Transactions of the *Portuguese*.

The Genoese send their Doge with their Submission to the French. A. D. 1693.

C H A P. VIII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Portuguese.

PORTUGAL (containing the greatest part of that Country the *Romans* called *Lusitania*) coming, together with the rest of *Spain*, under *Roderick* the last King of the *Goths*, into the Hands of the *Saracens*, or *Moors*, continued for a long time in their Possession. But *Alphonfus VI*, King of *Castile* and *Leon*, about the Year 1093, making great Preparations of War against that People, procur'd Aid from several Nations of Christendom, and amongst others who came to his Assistance was *Henry* of *Besauçon*, a *Burgundian*, who performed such considerable Services against the Infidels, that King *Alphonfus* gave him a natural Daughter of his in Marriage, with so much of *Portugal* as was then in the Hands of the Christians for her Dowry, which he erected into a County upon that Occasion.

This Count was succeeded by his Son *Alphonfus Henry*, who aspiring at a greater Title, easily paved his way to it by his signal Valour and Successes against the *Moors*, from whom he recovered several Provinces, and having greatly increased his Dominions, was the first who assumed the Style of King of *Portugal*. Amongst the many Places he took from the *Moors*, were *Lisbon*, (now the Capital of the Kingdom) *Abnada*, and *Villamuerda*, in the Reduction whereof he was assisted by a Fleet of *English*, *French*, and *Dutch*, who put into one of his Ports in their way to *Syria*, then the Seat of the Holy War. *Sancho*, the Son and Successor of *Alphonfus*, imitating the Example of his Father, hospitably received into his

A. D. 1093. The Portuguese War against the Saracens.

Lisbon and other Places taken from the Moors.

Port

The Portuguese assisted by the English and French.

Port of *Lisbon* another Fleet of *English* and *French* Ships, which were going on the like Service as the former; and by their Aid, together with eight Ships of *Philip* Count of *Flanders*, he reduced *Lagos* and *Silves* in the *Algarve*; and on the Conclusion of these Expeditions, he employed his Time in building, adorning, or fortifying several of those which are now the most considerable Cities of the Kingdom, from whence he had the Surname of the Builder.

A. D. 1409.

Ceuta, in *Barbary*, taken from the *Moors*;

as also *Tangier*, and other Places.

A. D. 1438.

The Portuguese powerful in *Africk*.

After that Prince's Reign, *Portugal* for a long time kept itself disengaged from any Wars of Consequence, except those with the *Moors*, with whom they had several fierce Disputes, and in 1409, their King, *John I*, took from them the Town of *Ceuta* in *Barbary*. The following Year his Son *Henry*, Infante of *Portugal*, discovered the Islands of *Madera*; and in these Times it was that the *Portuguese*, first among the Moderns, sailed round *Africa* to the *East Indies*. For after *Alphonfus V*, who succeeded to the Crown in 1438, had taken *Tangier*, *Arzille*, and *Alcazar*, the *Portuguese* Power grew so formidable in *Africk*, that all the Coasts of that part of the World as far as *Ethiopia*, fell almost at once under their Obedience; and under *John II*, *Ethiopia* itself was discovered, even to the extremest parts of it, which the Ancients thought inaccessible, and uninhabited. Then were the Stars about the South-Pole first seen by *Europeans*, and that great Promontory of *Africa* discovered, which stretches itself beyond the Tropick of *Capricorn*: to which was then given the Name of the *Tempestuous Cape*, because of the Storms and bad Weather the Discoverers met with thereabouts; but the same *John II*, afterwards named it the *Cape of Good-Hope*, because when that was once gained, the way was supposed to lie open to the *Indies*.

The *Cape of Good-Hope* discovered.

That Prince, a little before his Death, adopting *Emanuel* for his Son and Successor, put at the same time a Globe into his Hands, as it were denoting that he gave him Possession of the Earth; nor did the Omen prove unsuccessful, for in *Emanuel's* Reign, not only all the East was discovered, but the Sea-Coasts of *India* were for the most part subdued to the Obedience of *Portugal*. Under the Auspices of this Prince, *Vasquez de Gama* was the first of the *Portuguese* who doubled the *Cape of Good-Hope*, which having passed, he called the Country on the Eastward of it *St. Raphael*, now better known by the Name of the Coast of *Cassies*. He there heard the good Tidings that there lay an easy Way from that Place to *India*, whence Spices might be fetched at a very cheap rate, whereupon he named one of the Rivers in the Country *Rio de Buena Señas*, and erected on the Banks of it a Stone Cross with the Arms of *Portugal*. *Gama* proceeding thence, passed by *Sofala*, remarkable for its great Plenty of Gold, and advancing to *Mozambique*, went on to *Monbaze* and *Melinde*, from whence it was but a short Cut over to *Malabar*, the so much desired Region of Spices. Thither the *Portuguese* steering the Course, were not content with the Advantage of Traffick, but desirous of having the Country under their Obedience, which necessarily occasioned a War with the Inhabitants, to whom finding themselves inferior in Strength, they thought fit

A. D. 1497.
The first Sea-Coast subdued by the Portuguese.

New Discoveries made.

The Portuguese baffled by those of *Malabar*.

to make the best of their way back to *Portugal*. In their Return, passing by the Gulph of *Persia* and the *Red Sea*, (from entering which they were only prevented by fear) they came down to *Magadoxo*, on the Coast of *Ajan*, where finding a Fleet of *Arabian* Vessels in the Port, they set fire to them, and passing by *Melinda*, the Island *Zanzibar*, *Quiloa*, and *Mozambique*, they again doubled the Cape of *Good Hope*, and proceeded homewards, sailing between the Continent of *Africk*, and the Cape *Verde*, *Canaries*, and *Madera* Islands, in the same Route as *Cadamustus* had before taken.

They burn several Arabian Ships.

This *Cadamustus* having navigated to *Madera*, the *Canaries*, the Isle of *Argin*, *Senega*, *Cape Verde*, *Gambra*, the Islands of *Bona-vista*, *St. Jago*, and *Palma*, and made Discoveries as far as *Cape Roxo*, giving to the respective Places such Names as he thought fit, had returned to *Lisbon* in the Year 1455, where communicating to *Peter Sinzia* an Account of his Voyage, and the Observations he had made therein, it inspired him with a Desire of penetrating farther. *Sinzia* being furnished with two Ships for that purpose by the foremention'd Prince *Fleury*, (the Son of *John I.*) discovered as far as *Cape Palmas*.

Other Discoveries.

A. D. 1455.

He was succeeded in these Undertakings by the aforesaid *Gama*; and he by *Peter Alvarez Capral*, to whose Conduct was committed a Squadron of thirteen Ships for another Expedition to *Malabar*. In his way thither he was driven by Tempests on the Coast of *Brasil*, (before that time unknown) of which he took Possession in his Master's Name, and raised a Pillar with the Arms of *Portugal* thereon: Which done, he pursued his Voyage, and touching at *Quiloa*, proceeded thence to *Calecut*, where engaging some of the *Malabarians* at Sea with good Success, he struck up a League with the Kings of *Cochin* and *Canavor*, and returned to *Portugal*. Then *Gama* was again thought fit to be sent out in quest of new Lands, or to subdue those already discovered, and a Squadron of ten Sail was put under his Command, with which arriving at the Port of *Mozambique*, he there ran up a Carvel, (which sort of Ship he thought would be particularly useful to him when he should arrive in *India*) and thence proceeded to *Quiloa*, where having imposed a Tribute on the King of the neighbouring Country, he crossed over to *Malabar*, and declared War against the King of *Calecut*, took the People of *Cranganor* into the Protection of *Portugal*, renewed the Treaties with the Kings of *Cochin* and *Canavor*, and taking in a rich Lading of Spices, made the best of his way home.

Brasil accidentally discovered.

The Portuguese declare War against the King of Calecut

About the time of his Return, the Kingdom of *Congo* (which was discovered by *James Canuso* in 1484) was supplied with a new Colony from *Portugal*: Mean while, the King of *Calecut*, taking Advantage of the Absence of the *Portuguese*, attacked *Trinunpara*, King of *Cochin*, their Ally, and dispossessed him of his Kingdom; the News whereof coming to *Francis Albuquerque*, one of the *Portuguese* Admirals, then in the East, he made the best of his way to that Country, where he left his Ships under the Command of *Edward Pacheco*, and went ashore with a Body of Troops, with whom

The King of Calecut dispossesses the King of Cochin.

The Portuguese drive those of Calecut from Cochinchin.

A. D. 1503.

The Prince of Zanzibar made Tributary to the Portuguese.

Brava reduced.

The Fleet of Malabar defeated by the Portuguese.

The Portuguese appoint a Viceroy in the East.
A. D. 1505.
The Portuguese subdue the Country near Quiloa.

A. D. 1506.

The Portuguese discover Madagascar.

Those of Ceylon made Tributary to Portugal.

The Portuguese beat the Fleet of Calecut.

whom he forced the People of *Calecut* to retire out of the Territories of *Cochin*. The King being restored to his Dominions, gave Permission to *Albuquerque* to build a Fort, for defending the Country against the Incurfions of the Enemy, of which he immediately laid the Foundation, and finished it with extraordinary Expedition, for fear the King should repent him of his Grant: mean while *Anthony Saldanha*, who had fet out from *Portugal* soon after *Albuquerque*, arrived at the Island *Zocotora*, near the Entrance of the Red Sea, where he spent the Winter, and cruized against the trading Ships of the Infidels in those Parts. He also attacked *Zanzibar*, and imposed an annual Tribute on the King of the Island; and soon after destroying the King of *Monbaze's* Fleet in the Port of that Name, he proceeded to *Brava* on the same Coast, and reduced it to the Obedience of *Portugal*. *Pacheco*, who continued at *Malabar*, was kept there well employed against the People of *Calecut*, who attacked him with a great Number of Ships, but they fought with ill Success, tho' of infinitely superior Force, against so expert a Seaman, for he gave them an entire Defeat; and having established the Kingdom of *Cochin* in Peace, received as a Reward for his good Services one of the richest Governments in *Africa*.

He was succeeded by *Lovanius Suarez*, whose most remarkable Act was the burning of the City of *Cranganor*; about which time *Francis de Almeyda* was sent out by King *Emmanuel* with a Commission to be Viceroy of the East, (being the first who had that Character) who arriving with his Fleet in the Port of *Quiloa*, subdued the King of the neighbouring Country, and appointed another, named *Mahomet*, in his room. He thence proceeded to *Monbaze*, and destroying that Town, went on to *Melinda*, from whence he made the best of his way to *Malabar*, where, in the Kingdom of *Cananor*, he erected a Fort to keep the fickle Inhabitants to their Duty; when entering into an Alliance with the King of *Narsinga*, he appointed *Nambeadara* King of *Cochin* in the room of *Trimumpara*, who voluntarily resigned the Government.

About this time another Squadron of eight Ships was sent out to seek for new Lands, by which was discovered the Island of *Madagascar*, otherwise called *St. Laurence*, because it was first seen on the Day dedicated by the Church of *Rome* to that Saint. *Almeyda* also detached a Squadron under his Son *Laurence de Almeyda* on the same Service, who first repaired to the *Maldives* Islands, from whence he was driven by a violent Tempest to the Isle of *Ceylon*, (by most thought the *Taprobana* of the Ancients) where landing, he took the Inhabitants into the Protection of *Portugal*, and imposed a Tribute on their King; nor was the Viceroy in the mean time less employed, but defeated the *Calecutians* in a great Battel at Sea. Then dividing his victorious Fleet, he committed one part of it to *Emanuel Pazagno*, and the other to his Son, upon his Return from *Ceylon*, appointing the first to accompany the trading Ships of *Cochin* to *Cape Comorin*, for their Security against the *Rovers* in those Seas, and the other to cruise at large about the Coasts, for

for the Defence of the Islands and Ports. It became now an established Rule among these new Inhabitants of the *Indies*, that whoever came into those Parts without a Pass from some *Portuguese* Admiral, or Governor of a Fort, should be esteemed as Enemies, and lose both Ships and Goods; whereby they engross'd all the Wealth of the East to themselves; and, the better to maintain their Authority, King *Emanuel* sent out yearly new Reinforcements and Supplies.

None permitted to come to the Indies without a Portuguese Pass.

In the Year 1508, fifteen Ships were fitted out under the Command of *Tristan de Cunha*, with which repairing to the Coast of *Zanguebar*, he assisted the King of *Melinda* against his rebellious Subjects, and burning the Cities of *Hoia* and *Brava*, sailed to *Zocotora*, where reducing the chief Town of the Island, he left a Garrison in it, and made the best of his way to *Malabar*, where joining the Fleet of *Almeyda*, they repaired against the People of *Calecut*, who were now assisted by a Fleet from *Arabia*, and before *Panava*, one of their Towns, gave them a signal Defeat. Not long after they engaged, off of *Chaul*, near *Bombay*, the Fleet of *Campson*, Sultan of *Egypt*, coming to the Assistance of the Enemy, which they entirely ruined, and every where came off Conquerors, excepting that the forementioned Son of *Almeyda*, falling in with a Squadron of *Cambayan* and *Egyptian* Ships was unfortunately slain with an Arrow, as he bravely defended himself against them.

A. D. 1508.

The Portuguese assist the King of Melinda.

They beat the Calecut and Arabian Fleets.

They ruin the Fleet of the Sultan of Egypt.

Alphonfus Albuquerque was now arrived in the East with a strong Squadron from *Portugal*, with which designing to subdue the Isle of *Ormus*, at the Mouth of the *Persian* Gulph, he first reduced the Cities of *Curiate*, *Mascate*, *Sobar*, and *Orfacan*, lying along the Coasts of *Arabia*, then subject to the King of *Ormus*: after which defeating the Enemy in an Engagement in the Port of that City, he landed in the Island, and prepared to invest the Place; when the King (called *Zerfadin* II.) gave leave that the *Portuguese* should build a Fort on the Sea Coast, and engaged not only to pay them an annual Tribute, but to defray the Charges of the War. The Time of *Almeyda's* Viceroyship being now near at an end, he resolv'd to revenge the Death of his Son, and going out with a Squadron of nineteen Sail, attack'd off *Diu*, a great Fleet of *Cambayans*, *Egyptians*, *Calecutians*, and other of the Enemies of the *Portuguese*, by whose Hands his Son fell, and entirely routing them, with great Slaughter, subdued all the Coast from *Diu* to *Cochin*, forcing the several Princes to yield themselves tributary to *Portugal*. His Commission being now expired, he delivered the Government, with great Reluctance, to *Albuquerque*, and having passed the Cape of *Good Hope*, in his way homewards, was, with his Companions, unfortunately slain by some *Barbarians* on the Coast of *Africk*.

The Island of Ormus made tributary to Portugal.

Another Fleet of the Egyptians, &c. routed, and several Princes made tributary to Portugal.

The first Business the new Viceroy undertook was the Reduction of *Goa*, a flourishing City in an Island of the same Name, of which one *Zabaim* was King; who being become odious to his Subjects for his intolerable Exactions, the People voluntarily surrendered the Place to *Albuquerque*, he promising to remit a third part of their

A. D. 1510

Goa reduced by the Portuguese.

Taxes. *Zabaim* was then absent from the Island, but upon the News of its Surrender, embarking, with great Celerity, a numerous Body of Troops, he repaired thither, and landing his Men, presently recovered the Place, but not without a very considerable Slaughter among them by the *Portuguese*. *Albuquerque* having engaged the Enemy's Ships, defeated them, and being reinforced with a new Squadron from *Portugal*, opened his way, Sword in Hand, to the City, and again expelling the Enemy, placed a strong Garrison in the Citadel, and, the better to secure the Place in its Obedience, caused his Soldiers to intermarry with the Women of the Island. Having settled Matters at *Goa*, he set sail with a Fleet of twenty three Ships for *Malacca*, and in his way thither fell in with a large *Indian Ship* which he caused to be attacked; the *Portuguese* had no sooner boarded her, than from all Quarters of the Vessel there burst forth violent Flames, whereupon they precipitately retreated to their Ships, but repented their Haste soon after, when they understood it was only a harmless lambent Flame which gave Light, but did not burn, and could be extinguished at pleasure. Pursuing his Voyage, he arrived soon after in the Port of *Malacca*, and laying siege to the City, took it by Storm, being forced to burn great part of it through the obstinate Resistance of the Inhabitants, the King having first secured himself by flight. An immense Booty was found in this Place, to secure which in its Obedience, *Albuquerque* raised a strong Fortrefs with the Stones taken from the Sepulchres of the Kings of *Malacca*. Here he applied himself to make farther Discoveries, and to that purpose fitted out several Ships to sail to different Quarters; one of which Squadrons he committed to *Anthony Abrei*, who repairing to *Amboina*, and *Banda*, two of the *Molucca* Islands, returned richly laden with Spices to *Malacca*.

Some new Commotions at *Goa* requiring his Presence, he repaired thither, and having appeased the Disorders, and given Audience to the Ambassadors of the Kings of *Persia* and *Æthiopia*, who now courted the Friendship of the *Portuguese*, he made Preparations for an Expedition to *Arabia*; mean while *Andrade*, whom he left Commander in Chief of *Malacca*, coming to a Rupture with the King of *Java*, engaged his Fleet, many Ships whereof he burnt, and putting the rest to flight, returned victoriously to *Malacca*. *Albuquerque* prosecuting his Designs on *Arabia*, repaired to *Aden* near the Entrance of the Red Sea, to which he laid siege, but was forced to rise from before it. Having soon after erected a Fortrefs in the Port of *Calecut*, he defeated a great Fleet of the King of *Linga's*, fortified the Town and Island of *Ormuz*, (which he had now entirely master'd) with several Works, and having very much increased the *Portuguese* Power in those Parts, he deceased, and was succeeded in the Government by *Lopez Suarez*. *Albuquerque* is said to have had once a Design of attacking *Mecca* in *Arabia*, in order to make himself Master of *Mabomet's* Tomb, and disperse those Ashes to which such an impious Adoration is paid; and that the Infidels, for fear of some such Accident, removed the Impostor's Remains higher up in the Country to *Medina*. He is also said, upon

Goa recovered by the Pagans, but their Fleet beaten.

Goa again reduced.

A. D. 1511.

A Stratagem which saved an Indian Ship.

The Portuguese take Malacca, and a very great Booty.

Amboina and Banda.

The Kings of Persia and Æthiopia court the Portuguese.

The Fleet of the King of Java routed.

The King of Linga's Fleet defeated, and Ormuz reduced.

Albuquerque had a Design on Mecca.

Promise of Assistance from the *Abyssines*, to have had another Project, to wit, of cutting a Canal from the *Nile* into the *Red Sea*, as well to hinder the Trade of the *Egyptians* in the *Indian Commodities*, as to put an end to the Fertility of their Country, by preventing the Overflowing of that River by such a Diverſion of its Waters.

Suarez was no ſooner enter'd upon his Adminiſtration, but the People of *Aden* ſent Ambaſſadors to him, to let him know they were ready to comply with his Demands, but he took no notice of their Submiſſion; and having a Deſign on the *Egyptian Fleet*, which he heard was coming down the *Red Sea*, he, to keep his People employ'd till their Arrival near the Streights of *Babel-mandel*, attacked *Zeila*, a Town on the Coaſt of *Africk*, oppoſite to *Aden*, and gave the Plunder to his Soldiers and Seamen. But *Suarez* too late repented him of his Neglect of the People of *Aden's* Offers, for the expected Fleet of *Egyptians* never appeared, and that City changed ſoon after its Reſolution of ſubmitting to *Portugal*. To the Loſs of this happy Opportunity ſucceeded another Miſfortune, for *Campſon* the Sultan of *Egypt*, being overcome by the Emperor *Selim*, and his Dominions becoming part of the *Turkiſh Empire*, the Coaſts of *Egypt* and the *Red Sea* were much better guarded than before, ſeveral new Forts being erected there, and ſupplied with good Garrifons. In the mean time *Andrade*, who commanded in Chief at *Malacca*, made an Expedition for ſettling Trade to the Coaſt of *China*, where he was hoſpitably entertained for ſome Months; but, growing inſolent upon his kind Reception, he committed ſeveral Violences, and was forced to quit the Country with the Loſs of a great Number of his Followers.

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from the Nile
into the Red
Sea.

Zeila, oppoſite
to *Aden*, taken
by the Portu-
guese.

The Portu-
guese forced
to quit *China*

The *Portugueſe Affairs* in *India* were now but in an indifferent State, and the new Forts lately finiſhed in *Ceylon*, and the Kingdom of *Coulan*, were ſcarce ſufficient to keep the Inhabitants in their Duty, ſo that *Suarez* being looked upon as unequal to ſo great a Charge as the Government of thoſe Acquiſitions, was recalled, and *James Lopez* appointed his Succeſſor. He, on his Arrival in *India*, having quell'd ſome Inſurrections there, and overcome the King of *Bintam*, whom he forced to accept a Peace on his Terms, repaired to *Ormus*, and defeating *Mocri*, King of *Baharem*, an Iſland in the *Persian Gulph*, reduced it to the Obedience of *Portugal*. *Lopez* was ſucceeded by *Edward de Meneſes*, who reſtored the King of *Pacem*, in the Iſland *Sumatra*, to his Dominions, on Condition of his paying a Tribute, and giving leave for the erecting a Fort upon his Coaſts. In the firſt Year of this Viceroy's Adminiſtration died *Emanuel* King of *Portugal*, the greateſt Prince which ever ſate on the Throne of that Kingdom, who having reduced to his Obedience not only the Coaſts of all *India*, both within and without the *Ganges*, but of the Gulph of *Persia*, and moſt of thoſe of the *Red Sea*, and, covering with his Fleets the *Ethiopian* and *Atlantick* Oceans, ſhut up the Navigation to thoſe Countries from all others, thereby totally excluding the *Venetians* from the Commerce of the Eaſt, whoſe Merchants had ever ſince the Year 1269,

Their Affairs
in *India* in an
ill State.

A. D. 1518.

The King of
Bintam, &c.
overcome.

1521.

Emanuel,
King of *Portu-
gal*, &c.
His great Con-
quests.

to that time, wholly engrossed that Trade. He also subdued great part of the Coast of *Barbary*, making himself Master of *Asafia*, *Tita*, and *Azamor*, near Cape *Cantin*, and defeated the Forces of the Emperor of *Morocco* in several Rencounters.

John III. succeeds Emanuel.

A. D. 1522.

The Portuguese take one of the Ships of Magellan's Squadron.

Relieve Malacca, and beat the Fleet of the Pagans.

Some of the Molucca Islands plundered.

Those of Calcut defeated at Sea.

He was succeeded by his Son *John III*, about which time the Viceroy of *India* appointed *Lewis de Meneses*, with a strong Squadron, to keep the People of *Ormuz* in Obedience, and sent *Garcias Henriquez* with another to the Eastward, to make farther Acquisitions; which latter sailed round the Islands *Banda*, *Mira*, and *Gumanapy*, and proceeding thence to *Tidore*, there fell in with one of the Ships which had been sent out under *Magellan*, by the Emperor *Charles V*, to make new Discoveries, which *Henriquez* attacked, and made himself Master of, putting to Death, or making Slaves of all the *Spaniards* on board: This done, he erected a Fort in the neighbouring Island *Ternate*, and strictly enjoined the Inhabitants not to vend their Spices to any other than the *Portuguese*. The next Year *Hector Sylveira* being appointed Admiral of the *Indies*, was joyfully received by the Viceroy of *Goa*, from whence he proceeded to *Malacca*, then besieged by *Laqueximenes*, the King of *Bintam's* Admiral, and having happily raised the Siege, detached *Alonzo de Souze* to the Coast of *Bintam*, which having ravaged, he gained a great Victory over the Ships of *Pahang*, *Patane*, and *Java*, killing great Numbers of the Enemy, and taking several Prisoners; after which proceeding to *Machian*, and *Bacbian*, two of the *Molucca* Islands near *Tidore*, he plundered them, and carried off a great Booty.

The next Year *Vasquez de Gama* was appointed Viceroy of the *Indies*, but as he was in a very advanced Age, it being improbable he should live long, a Commission was made out for *Henry de Meneses* to succeed, in case of his Decease before the three Years of his Viceroyalty should be expired. There was a third Commission to *Peter Mascarenbas*, appointing him Viceroy, if *Meneses* should die; and a fourth to *Lopez de Sampayo*, to succeed in case of the Death of *Mascarenbas*; the *Portuguese* by this means almost securely providing that their Acquisitions in *India* should not remain without a Head. And the Event shew'd the good Effects of their Care; for *Gama* did not long enjoy his new Honour, but having first defeated the People of *Calcut* in an Engagement at Sea, died within few Months after his Arrival at *Goa*, so that the Viceroyalty devolved upon *Henry de Meneses*. The Commission by which he was appointed to succeed was seal'd up, with this Supercription, *Not to be opened till (which God forbid) Vasquez de Gama, Viceroy and High Admiral of the Indies, shall be departed this Life*. This being now opened by the next Commanding Officers, in the Great Church at *Cochin*, *Meneses*, who was then absent from the Place, was proclaimed Viceroy; whose Administration was likewise but of a short Date, and diversified with both good and bad Fortune; for after several Engagements with the *Calcutians*, with various Success, he defeated their Fleet in the Port of *Culeta*, and made himself Master of most of their Ships; soon after which he destroyed

destroyed a Fleet of *Turkish* Ships off *Dabul*, another of *Moors* off *Zeila*, worsted that of the Prince of *Patane*, and *Laqueximenes*, the Admiral of *Bintam*, and then advancing to relieve the *Portuguese*, besieged by the Enemy in the Fortreſs of *Calecut*, he performed the ſame, but died of a Wound he had received in his Leg by an Arrow.

Ships of the Turks and Moors deſtroyed by the Portuguese.

A. D. 1526.

Mascarenhas, the next ſucceeding Officer, being then at *Malacca*, *Lopez de Sampayo*, the fourth ſubſtituted Viceroy, took upon himſelf that Charge, and gave the *Malabarians* a ſignal Deſeat in an Engagement at the Mouth of the *Bacauor*: But *Mascarenhas* highly reſenting it that *Sampayo* ſhould uſurp the Viceroyalty out of his Turn, would by no means acquieſce with that Proceeding, but aſſumed to himſelf the Title and Office of Viceroy, and being forced to wait the proper Seafon for coming down to *Goa*, took that Opportunity to repair with a Fleet of nineteen Sail to the Coaſt of *Bintam*, where he defeated *Laqueximenes* the Enemy's Admiral, together with the Fleet of *Pabang*, which came to their Aſſiſtance, when taking the City of *Bintam* by Storm, he burnt it; and the King dying with Grief at his ill Succels, *Mascarenhas* appointed another in his room, on condition that he ſhould maintain no Army nor Fleet without leave from the *Portugueſe*, but commit himſelf wholly to their Protection. This done, he went down with his Fleet to *Goa*, where he deſired a Number of Arbitrators might be appointed to judge whether he or *Sampayo* was the proper Viceroy, but the latter at firſt reſuſed to ſubmit to any Arbitration, till at length he was prevailed upon by the Entreaties of his Friends to do it, but bribed the Judges ſo high that they declaring him Viceroy, *Mascarenhas* returned to *Portugal*.

The Fleet of Malabar deſeated.

The Fleet of the Pagans beaten, and Bintam burnt.

The *Portugueſe* Affairs were alſo now much prejudiced by another Contention; for they having, without any juſt Provocation, deſtroyed the chief Town of *Tidore*, it cauſed among the People of that Iſland, and of moſt of the reſt of the *Molucca's*, an implacable Hatred againſt them; ſoon after which a Squadron of the Emperor *Charles V.* arriving there, was welcomed by the People of *Tidore* with all the Marks of Kindneſs, on account of the *Spaniards* equal Enmity with them to the *Portugueſe*, and being received into their Port, they raiſed Works for the Defence of it, in caſe of an Attack from the Enemy. The *Spaniards*, who were under the Command of *Igniqueza*, alledged that the *Molucca's* belonged of right to them, as being firſt diſcovered by *Magellan*; with a Commiſſion from the King of *Spain*, and that the Diſpute having been ſubmitted to Arbitration, was determined in their Favour. On the other hand, the *Portugueſe*, under the Command of *Henriquez*, ſaid that the unjuſt Sentence of the *Caſtilian* Arbitrators had been reverſed by the Judges in *Portugal*, and that thoſe Iſlands were diſcovered ten years before the Voyage of *Magellan* in the *Spaniſh* Service, by *Anthony Abrei*, who was ſent out to make Diſcoveries by *Alphonſus Albuquerque*, in whole Company was *Magellan* himſelf before he had deſerted his Country. Thus they diſputed Words for a while, but ſoon after came to Blows, the People of

A Diſpute between the Emperor and Portugueſe about the Moluccas.

Ternate

Ternate taking part with the *Portuguese*, and those of *Tidore* and *Gilolo* with the *Spaniards*. The latter struck the first Stroke by besieging the *Portuguese* Fortrefs in *Ternate*, where, at the first Attack, they took one of the Enemy's Ships. And now the *Spaniards* and *Portuguese* had gone near to have atoned for the Mischief they had done to the *Indians*, by the Destruction of each other, but that the Emperor being engaged in other Wars in *Europe*, neglected to remote an Acquisition, and for a certain Sum of Money yielded up all his Right in the *Molucca's* to the King of *Portugal*.

The Emperor yields the Moluccas to the Portuguese. A. D. 1528.

The Portuguese are successful, and particularly on the Red-Sea.

The Portuguese take Porca.

The Infidels beaten near the Island of Bombay.

Those of Malabar beaten at Sea.

The Portuguese plunder Monbaze.

Matters being settled in those Islands, the Viceroy, *Sampayo*, sent out *John Deza* with a Squadron to cruise off *Cananor*; and at the same time dispatched *Alphonsus Melia* to the *Sunda* Islands, who, just as he was turned the Cape of *Comorin*, met with some Deputies coming to *Goa* from the Prince of *Calecura* on the Pearl-fishing Coast, with Offers of Tribute and Submission, upon Promise of Assistance against his Enemies the *Calecutians*. In the mean time *Deza*, upon his Station, intercepted all Ships passing between *Calecut* and *Cambaya*, to the incredible Loss of the People of both those Places; and landing at *Mangalor*, the Inhabitants deserted the Town, which he plundered and set on fire; after which falling in with *Cuttial*, the Admiral of *Calecut*, he engaged and defeated him, and carried him Prisoner to *Cananor*; and about the same time *Anthony Miranda* sailing to the Red Sea, took great Numbers of the *Arabian* Ships, and burnt several along the Shore. *Sampayo* himself, off *Cananor*, destroyed the greatest Part of a Fleet of a hundred and thirty Sail of *Moorish* Ships, bound to *Mecca* with Spices; and then repairing to *Porca*, (the Prince whereof was a formidable Sea-Rover) he landed there, and took the Town, forcing the Prince to betake himself to Flight, who left such a vast Booty to the *Portuguese*, that the Share of the meanest Sailor came to a thousand Dollars. From thence he sailed to the Northward, and, near the Island of *Bombay*, fell in with a Fleet of the Enemy's under the Command of *Halissa*, Admiral of *Cambaya*, whereupon proffering a Reward of a hundred Dollars to the first Man who boarded one of the Enemy's Ships, he immediately engaged, and having entirely routed them, committed the Fleet to the Command of *Miranda*, who, soon after the Viceroy's Departure, came to another Engagement with the *Malabarians*, before the Town of *Chaul*, and gave them a signal Defeat, killing great Numbers, and carrying off a rich Booty of Spices to *Cochin*: Soon after which the *Portuguese* reduced the Town of *Tanor*, made the Prince of the Neighbouring Country their Tributary, and again routed *Halissa*, the *Cambayan* Admiral.

In the mean time *Nunbo de Cunha* set out from *Portugal*, with a Commission to be Governor, accompanied by his Brother *Simon de Cunha*, who was constituted Admiral of the *Indies*, and, in his way thither, attempting to put in at *Monbaze*, in order to pass the Winter Season there, was refused Entrance by the King, but forced a Passage into the Port, and making himself Master of the Town, gave the Plunder to the Mariners, and set it on fire. Departing thence

early

early in the Spring, he made the best of his way to *India*, where he resolv'd to make himself Master of the Town and Fortrefs of *Diu*, situate in an Island of the same Name, near the Entrance of the Gulph of *Cambaya*; to which purpose repairing thither with the Fleet, upon his Appearance off the Place, he received an Envoy from *Badur*, King of *Cambaya*, with Offers of yielding the Fortrefs into his Hands; which being accordingly performed, it was committed to the Custody of *Anthony Sylveira*. Not long after the King of *Cambaya*, at the Instigation of the *Turks*, who were very desirous of getting *Diu* into their Hands, made an Attempt to dispossess the *Portuguese*, and recover the Place, but with an unfortunate Event, he, with his *Turkish* Auxiliaries, being entirely routed, most of his Fleet sunk, and himself receiving his Death's Wound in the Engagement. Soon after this, *Solyman*, the *Turkish* Emperor, sent the *Pasha* of *Cairo* to besiege it, with a Fleet of sixty two Gallies, six Galleons, and other smaller Vessels, having on board four thousand Janizaries, sixteen thousand other Soldiers, besides Gunners, Seamen, and Pilots, which on their Arrival before the Town, were joined by eighty Sail of Ships of *Cambaya*. The *Turkish* *Patha*, landing his Forces, batter'd the Fortrefs with fifty Pieces of Cannon, but the Governor, with great Bravery sustained his Attacks 'till the Arrival of *Garcias de Noronha* (the new Viceroy) from *Goa* to his Assistance; who, by a Stratagem, passing thro' the midst of the Enemy's Fleet with Drums beating and Trumpets sounding, as if they had been some of their *Indian* Allies, the *Turks*, upon the Discovery of their Mistake, rais'd the Siege in the utmost Confusion, leaving behind them their Tents, Ammunition, Artillery, and above a thousand wounded Men, besides the like Number that were out on foraging, all which fell into the Hands of the *Portuguese*. After the Death of *Badur* beforementioned, *Mamud* became King of the *Cambayans*, and *John de Castro* succeeded *Noronha* as the *Portuguese* Viceroy, in whose time the *Cambayans* and *Turks* made another Attempt on *Diu*, but with the like ill Success as before, *De Castro* entirely routing them both by Sea and Land, with a very great Slaughter; after which he added several Works to the Place, and rais'd a new Citadel in a more advantageous Situation, and of much better materials than the former.

Diu surrendered to the Portuguese.

The Turks, and King of Cambaya routed by the Portuguese at Diu.

The Turks attempt Diu again, but were forced to raise the Siege.

In this prosperous Manner did the *Portuguese* carry all before them in *India* during the Reign of *John III.*, who deceasing in 1557, was succeeded by *Sebastian*, then an Infant. That Prince, growing up, was so intent on his *Indian* Acquisitions, that he resolv'd on a Voyage thither himself, and 'twas with difficulty his Council found means to dissuade him from it. They did at length prevail in that point, but could not prevent his undertaking a Design more hazardous than the former, to wit, an Expedition against the Emperor of *Morocco*, and he embarking for that purpose with a great Army, and the Flower of the *Portuguese* Nobility, on board a numerous Fleet, landed at *Tangier*, and unadvisedly marching up into the Country, gave the *Moors* Battel near *Alcazer*, where he was cut off with his whole Army. He was succeeded by *Henry* his

The Success of the Portuguese in India.

The Portuguese routed near Alcazer.

Uncle,

1578 Uncle, then in an advanced Age, whose Reign is remarkable for nothing but the Disputes about a Successor to him. He dying in 1580,
 1580 *Philip II*, King of *Spain*, who had Pretensions to the Crown, thought it most expedient to end all Disputes by the Point of the Sword, and understanding the great Inclination the *Portuguese* had (through hatred of a *Castilian* Government) to set *Anthony*, a natural Son of *John III*, upon the Throne, he ordered the Duke of *Alva* to march at the Head of a powerful Army into the Kingdom, who soon reduced it to his Obedience, forcing *Anthony* to withdraw to *England*, from whence, after some unsuccessful Attempts to recover his lost Dominion, he retired to *Paris*, and died there in 1595. The rest of the Territories of that Crown fell at the same time into the Hands of the Conqueror, except the *Azores*, or Western Islands, which were at length subdued to *Spain* by a great Victory obtain'd over a Fleet of *French* Ships, sent thither to maintain them in the Obedience of *Anthony*.

Portugal reduced by Philip II. of Spain.

Philip prohibits Trade between the Low-Countries and Portugal.

A. D. 1595. The Success of the Dutch in the Indies, and Africa.

A. D. 1622. And the Portuguese lost possession of Ormus.

1630. And Part of Brazil.

A. D. 1640.

The Duke of Braganza made King of Portugal. Brazil results to him.

The Dutch take several Places in India.

As this Subjection of the *Portuguese* to the *Castilians* was very irksome and odious to them, so was it attended with Consequences very fatal to their Interests; for upon the first Commotions in the *Low-Countries*, *Philip* judging that one of the best Expedients to quell them, would be to deprive the Inhabitants of the Advantages they received by the Trade with *Portugal* and *Spain*, he prohibited all Commerce between them; for, in those times, the *Dutch* Ships made no longer Voyages than to these Countries for the Commodities of *India*, with which they afterwards supply'd the Northern Nations of *Europe*. But *Philip's* Designs met with an Event very contrary to his Expectations; for the *Dutch* being thus excluded *Spain* and *Portugal*, they about 1595, boldly ventured to *India* themselves, and having, after many difficulties, got footing there, possessed themselves of several Places of great Importance, either for their Strength, or advantageous Situation, and did incredible Damage to the *Portuguese*, who had hitherto solely carried on all the Trade to those Parts. And in the Year 1622, the City of *Ormuz*, the most wealthy of the *Portuguese* Acquisitions in the East, was taken from them by *Sba Abas* King of *Persia*, assisted by the *English* Merchant Ships in the Service of the *India* Company. Nor was this the end of their Misfortunes; for in 1630, the *Dutch* dispossessed them of great part of *Brazil*, and reduced several of their Settlements on the Coast of *Africa*: Nothing of which would the *Dutch* have had Occasion, or Opportunity to do, if *Portugal* had remain'd separate from the Crown of *Spain*. But in 1640 throwing off the *Spanish* Yoke, they set the Duke of *Braganza* upon the Throne, by the Name of *John IV*, and then clapped up a Peace with the *Dutch*, upon Condition that each Nation should retain what they were then possessed of; but it was not of long Continuance, because the Places the *Dutch* had made themselves Masters of in *Brazil*, revolted to the *Portuguese*, their former Masters, which the *Dutch* alledging was owing to the Fraud of the *Portuguese*, declared War against them. However, being forced to leave them in Possession of *Brazil*, they attacked them in *India*, took *Malacca*, entirely

NORTH AMERICA

A Chart of the WEST-INDIES
 on the Islands of AMERICA in
 the NORTH SEA &c.
 By Herman Moll Geographer.



entirely outed them of the Island *Ceylon* and Coast of *Cormandel*, reduced *Cochin*, *Cananor*, *Cranganor*, and other Places in *Malabar*, and had gone near to have taken *Goa* it self, their Capital City in *India*, if they had not come to a Peace with them in 1661; about which time *John IV.* dying, was succeeded by his Son *Alphonfus VI.* who being guilty of Mal-Adminiftration, and indeed incapable of Government, his Brother was substituted Regent of the Kingdom, and on the Decease of *Alphonfus* in 1683, took the Crown by the Name of *Peter II.* He dying in 1706, was succeeded by his Son *John*, the Fifth of that Name, who is now King of *Portugal*. During the War between *France* and the confederated Powers of *Europe*, which began in 1689, *Portugal* observed an exact Neutrality, yet in the last War they enter'd into the Grand Alliance in the Year 1703; but there not having happened any thing, during the Reign of the last or present Prince, remarkable to our purpose, we proceed next to the Naval Wars of the *Spaniards*. A. D. 1706.

CHAP. IX.

Of the Naval Wars of the Spaniards.

WHEN the *Roman Empire* was drawing towards its Dissolution, and became unable to defend its Provinces from the Irruptions of barbarous Neighbours, *Spain*, as we have elsewhere observed, fell a Prey to the *Goths*, who maintained themselves there, under a Series of thirty Kings, from the Time of their first Settlement, Anno 418. to the Year 714; when the *Moors* or *Saracens*, passing over from *Africa*, by the Treachery of Count *Julian*, in about nine Month's time reduced the greatest part of the Country to their Obedience. Nevertheless there arose up amongst the Remains of the *Gothick Race*, some great Men, who, by little and little, taking Advantage of the Dissensions amongst the *Moors*, made head against them and laid the Foundation of those Kingdoms, which in the end proved too mighty for the Infidels. *The Goths drove out of Spain.*
A. D. 714.

The first great Stand that was made against them was by the People of *Asturias* and *Biscay*, who being impatient of a foreign Yoke, and strengthened by great Numbers of other Christians who fled from the Fury of the *Moors* to those mountainous Countries, chose *Pelagius* for their King: Which Example was soon followed by those of *Navarre*, who about the same time set up *Garcias Ximenes*, the Founder of the Kingdom of *Navarre*, as *Pelagius* was of the Kingdom of *Leon*.

In the Reign of one of his Successors called *Ramir I.* who came to the Crown in 824, a numerous Fleet of *Normans* arrived on the Coast of *Gallicia*, where committing great Devastations, *Ramir* went against them, and forced them to retire with the Loss of seventy of their Ships, which he burnt. Those that escaped from

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824.
The Norman Fleet beaten by the Spaniards.
827.

hence repaired to *Seville*, and plundering that City and the Country adjacent, went off with a prodigious Booty. In the time of *Ramin's* Successor, *Ordogno I.*, a Fleet of a hundred Sail of *Normans* came down to the same Coast of *Gallicia*, and after they had been out three Years returned home with great Spoil.

The Normans
ravage Gallia.
cia.

1146.

The Sea in these Times was very little the Element of the *Spaniards*, so that we hear nothing more of Naval Transactions till the Reign of *Alphonfus VIII.* King of *Castile*, who being engaged in a bloody War with the *Moors*, was aided by the other Christian Princes of *Spain* against them. The King of *Castile's* Strength consisted in a Land Force, but *Raimond*, Count of *Barcelona* (by which Title he held the Sovereignty of *Catalonia*) sent his Fleet to his Assistance, under the Command of *Galceranus*, Admiral of *Catalonia*, and the Count of *Urgel*, who being joined by the *Genoese* Fleet, under *Ansaldo Doria*, repaired to *Almeria*, which they besieged and took by Storm; from whence they proceeded to *Tortosa*, and reduced that City likewise, taking an immense Booty therein, which the *Moors* had been laying up there for many Years: And for the Service which the *Genoese* performed in this Expedition, *Raimond* granted them an Immunity from all Customs or Duties in the Ports of *Catalonia*.

The Christians
take several
Places in
from the
Moors.

The *Moors* in *Spain* were now all subordinate to the *Miramamolin* Princes, who had their Residence in *Africa*, and while they kept themselves so united under one Head, they maintained their Affairs very well in *Spain*; but when they afterwards split themselves into various Divisions, and set up different Kingdoms, throwing off all Submission to the *African Moors*, it became a much easier Work to the Christian Princes to subdue them. In 1236, they lost *Cordoua*, the Capital of their first Kingdom in *Andalusia*; after which fell *Valencia*, the Head of another Kingdom; and at length, after the Loss of all the rest, the Kings of *Murcia* and *Granada*, submitted to hold their Kingdoms of the Kings of *Castile*. In this manner was the Power of the *Moors* by Degrees brought low in *Spain*, and in 1248, only the Kingdom of *Granada* remained, which might also have been then easily reduced, but that the Christian Princes of *Spain*, being at variance among themselves, turned their Arms on each other.

The Moors
lose several
Places in
Spain.
A. D. 1236.

A. D. 1248.

The Christian
Princes at
variance.
A. D. 1270.

About the Year 1270, the Kingdom of *Sicily* fell to *Peter III.* King of *Arragon*, in right of his Wife the Daughter of *Manfred*, King of that Island; but *Charles de Valois*, Brother to the *French* King *Lewis IX.*, laying Claim thereto, *Peter* at first dissembled his Reluctments, but afterwards fitted out a Fleet of forty Gallies, with several Ships of Burthen, under pretence of an Expedition to *Africa* against the *Moors*, but in reality designed for *Sicily*, to destroy the Remainder of the *French* there, who had survived the Massacre, known by the Name of the *Sicilian Vespers*. And having, accordingly, entirely cleared the Island of the *French*, he left a Squadron there of five and twenty Gallies, under the Command of *Roger Doria*, Admiral of *Arragon*, and repaired with the rest to *Sardinia*, there to be at hand in case of an Attack from the *French*.

The French
driven out of
Sicily.

1281.

Roger

Roger Doria having settled Affairs in *Sicily*, went out with his Squadron, and ravaging the Coasts of *Calabria*, endeavoured to bring the Enemy, (who then possessed the Kingdom of *Naples*,) to a Battel, which he effected, for *Charles de Valois* sent out his Son the Prince of *Salerno* against him, with whom *Doria* engaging in the Gulph of *Naples*, entirely defeated him, taking him Prisoner, with nine of his Gallies, and sinking all the rest of the Fleet. The *French* did not let this Loss go long unrevenged, for landing on the Coast of *Catalonia*, they committed great Devastations there, and took several Towns, but the Plague destroying great Numbers of their Men, they were forced to retire, and sent home the Ships they had borrowed of the *Genoese* and *Pisans*. In their way thither, off the Coast of *Genoa*, they fell in with *Roger Doria* the *Arragonefe* Admiral, then coming from *Sicily* to his Master's Assistance, who thereupon hired them into his Service, and repaired with them to *Narbonne*, where he had Advice the Enemy's Ships lay, which he attacked and made himself Master of, but not being able to bring them off, set them on fire.

The French defeated at Sea by the King of Sicily.

The French harass the Coast of Catalonia.

The King of Arragon's Admiral burns the French ships.

1285.

Majorca, Y: vic,

Peter King of *Arragon* dying, he was succeeded therein by his Son *Alphonfus III*, as he was in *Sicily* by his second Son *James*. The Islands of *Majorca* and *Tvica* having been conquered from the *Moors* by *James I.* of *Arragon*, were given by him, with the Title of King, to his Son *James*, (the Brother of King *Peter* beforementioned) who having took part with the *French* against his said Brother, *Alphonfus* now King of *Arragon* dispossessed him of his Dominions, which having done he also reduced the Island of *Minorca*, then held by the *Saracens*, and added it to his Dominions. About this time *Sauncho IV*, King of *Castile*, made a successful Expedition against the *Moors*, from whom he took *Tariffa* and destroyed a great Fleet the King of *Fez* sent to the Enemy's Assistance. In the mean time *Mary*, the Wife of *Charles de Valois*, who governed the Realm of *Naples* during the Imprisonment of her Husband, sent *Renald à Balso* with a strong Force to *Sicily*, where having reduced *Catana*, he sent back his Gallies to *Naples* for a Reinforcement of Soldiers, to whom *Guy de Monfort* was at the same time proceeding from the Coast of *Tuscany* with a Body of chosen Troops levied in that Country; but *Roger Doria* being then at Sea with the Fleet, fell in with and destroyed both these Squadrons, the first off *Naples*, and the latter on the *Tuscan Shore*: Upon the News of which Loss the *French* presently quitted *Sicily*, and made the best of their way for *Naples*. About the same time *Alphonfus* dying, he was succeeded in the Throne of *Arragon* by *James*, King of *Sicily*, who thereupon gave that Island to his Brother *Frederick*, and on his Arrival in *Spain* entered into a League with *Ferdinand IV.* of *Castile* against the *Moors*, from whom the first recovered *Almeria*, and the latter took *Gibraltar*.

and Minorca added to Arragon.

The King of Castile beats the Moors.

The Admiral of Arragon destroys the Ships of Naples, &c.

Almeria and Gibraltar taken from the Moors.

1399.

The Conclusion of this War was soon followed by the opening of another; for the Pope beginning now to stand in fear of the great Power of the *Genoese* and *Pisans*, thought fit, according to the ample Authority they pretend to be invested with, to bestow the

The Pope grants Corsica and Sardinia to the King of Arragon.

1320.

Cagliari taken, and the Fleet of Pisa beaten by that of Arragon.

The Sardinians rebel.

The Pisans beaten at Sea by those of Arragon. Sardinia annexed to Arragon, 1325.

and discharged of Taxes, &c.

The Catalans beaten at Sea by the Genoese.

The Catalans ravage the Coast of Genoa.

The Genoese block up the Catalans at Sardinia

Island of *Corsica*, belonging to the former, and that of *Sardinia*, belonging to the latter, on the Kings of *Arragon*, under pretence that it was the only means to put an end to the long Discord which had been between those two Republicks. But neither of them abiding by so unjust a Donation, it was necessary for the *Arragoneſe* to have recourse to Arms to get Possession of those Islands. The *Pisans* were the least able to maintain their Right, and therefore *Sardinia* was first attacked, whither *Francis Carroſo* repairing at the Head of a Fleet, besieged *Cagliari*, which he soon forced to surrender, and defeated Count *Manfred*, whom the *Pisans* had sent with a Squadron of twenty five Gallies to the Relief of the Besieged: Upon which Victory a Treaty of Peace ensued, whereby the *Pisans* agreed to hold the Island of *Sardinia* as a Fief of the Kingdom of *Arragon*. *Beringer Carroſo*, the Son of the Admiral, was left with a Squadron at *Sardinia*, under pretence of defending it against any Attacks of the *Moors*, but in reality to prevent the *Sardinians* from rising in Rebellion; which nevertheless soon after happened, and a Fleet of twenty two Gallies were sent by the *Pisans*, and the *Genoese* of the *Gibelline* Faction, to their Assistance, under the Command of *Gaspar Doria*. Between him and the *Arragoneſe* were several sharp Disputes at Sea, but one more especially remarkable in the Bay of *Cagliari*, wherein *Francis Carroſo*, the Admiral of *Arragon*, obtained a compleat Victory, and the *Pisans* were thereupon forced entirely to abandon the Island, which hath ever since remained to the Crown of *Arragon*. However, at first it proved no great Prize, the Possession of it being clogged by the Articles of Donation with such extravagant Taxes and Tribute to the Popes, who take care never to bestow Gifts but to great Advantage, that what with the Charge of Ships and Garrisons to maintain it in its Obedience, and other necessary Expences, it consumed not only its own remaining Revenues, but great part of those of *Arragon* and *Catalonia*; wherefore a Diminution of the Taxes was first solicited and obtained, and not long after, upon pretence of its frequent Rebellions, and the vast Charge of maintaining it, a total Remission of them.

Aiton Doria cruizing about this time with a Squadron belonging to the *Genoese* of the *Gibelline* Faction, fell in, off *Torra*, a Port of *Sardinia*, with nine *Catalan* Ships, and took or destroyed them all, which struck a great Terror amongst the *Arragoneſe*, and inspired the *Sardinians* with Courage to take Arms, and make another Attempt for their Liberty: Whereupon the War was renewed, and a Fleet was fitted out from *Catalonia* consisting of forty Gallies, and thirty Ships and *Saëtias*, which sailing over to *Italy*, ravaged the Coasts of *Genoa* from one end to the other, without Distinction of Friend or Foe, (for only the *Gibelline* Faction were their Enemies) which so exasperated both Parties, that they united against them, and resolved to be revenged. To that purpose they fitted out a Fleet of sixty Sail, with which first scouring the Coast of *Catalonia*, they then crossed over to *Sardinia*, where the *Arragoneſe* kept themselves close in Port, not daring to venture out to oppose

pose them. But a new War breaking out, about *Majorca*, it hindered for a while the farther Prosecution of this Quarrel. *Peter IV.* was now King of *Arragon*, who not being contented with the Island of *Sardinia*, cast his Eye also on *Majorca* and *Minorca*, then possessed by *James II.*, his Cousin-German and Brother-in-law: and, in order to reduce them, sent *Peter de Moncada* with a Fleet of a hundred Sail over to *Palma*, the chief City of *Majorca*, whereupon the King betaking himself to flight, that Island, with *Minorca*, peaceably submitted to his Obedience.

Majorca and Minorca conquer'd by Peter IV. of Arragon.

In the mean time the *Moors*, with a great Fleet from *Africa*, attacked *Alphonfus XII.*, who being aided by the other Christian Princes of *Spain*, the King of *Arragon's* Auxiliary Ships were commanded by *Godfrey Giralbert*, to whom being committed the Defence of the Streights Mouth, he was defeated and slain by the Enemy before *Algezira*, in the Bay of *Gibraltar*. The *Arragonefe* not being able to maintain this Post, they were succeeded on the same Station by a *Castilian* Squadron, consisting of thirty three Gallies, and some Frigates, but with no better Success than the former, for the Enemy engaged and overcame them likewise, and slew the Admiral in the same Place they had so lately killed his Predecessor; which done, they landed their Troops in *Spain* without Opposition. After this *Alphonfus Ortiz Carderon* was appointed to command the Fleet, consisting of fifteen Sail which escaped from the late Fight, and twelve new Ships, with several others belonging to *Arragon* and *Portugal*, who repaired to the Relief of *Tariffa*, then besieged by a numerous Army of *Moors* under the Command of *Albobaceu*, and cutting off their Communication with the *African* Shore, from whence they received all their Provisions, a Famine soon ensued, which forced them to raise the Siege, when making the best of their way to their Ships without any Order or Discipline, the *Castilian* Army ashore attacked them in the midst of that Confusion, and committed a prodigious Slaughter among them.

The Moors overcome the Christian Fleet at Gibraltar, and that of Castile.

Land in Spain.

Are forced to raise the Siege of Tariffa.

After this Victory *Giles Boccanigra*, a *Genoesse*, was appointed Admiral of the Fleet and Sea Coasts, who in one of the Ports of *Granada*, seized twelve of the Enemy's Gallies, six whereof he burnt, and added the rest to his Fleet, which was soon after increased by ten Ships from *Portugal*, under the Command of *Charles Aguiar*. In the mean time a numerous Fleet of the Enemy's sailed out from *Canta*, and entered the Mouth of the *Guadamecil*; whereupon *Boccanigra* repaired thither and blocked them up, and thirteen Gallies of *Algezira* arriving to the Relief of their *Moorish* Allies, he engaged them, and after an obstinate Dispute, took or sunk them all. Then attacking the *Moors* with his whole Force, he took thirty five Gallies, putting all the Men to Death, the rest of the Enemy's Ships making a hard shift to escape. Immediately hereupon *Algezira* was besieged by Sea and Land, and notwithstanding the obstinate Resistance of the Inhabitants, forced to surrender; in the Reduction whereof *James Scriva*, and *Matthew Mercero*, who commanded twenty auxiliary Gallies of *Arragon*, having performed very signal Service, were suitably rewarded by the King of *Castile*.

And are overcome at Sea.

1342.
Algezira taken by the Castilians.

About

1346.

The Pope gives
the Canary I-
lands to
Lewis de
Cerda.

About this time were strange Relations told concerning the *Canaries*, (the *Insulæ Fortunatæ* of the Ancients) which were now very liberally bestow'd by Pope *Clement VI.* on *Lewis de Cerda*, with the same Right of Donation as one of his Predecessors had before given away *Sardinia* and *Corfica*: But as what had been so kindly disposed of, could not be as easily acquired, we do not find that *de Cerda* ever got Possession of his Dominions.

1353.

The Genoese
Fleet defeated
by the Catalans
and Venetians.

Sardinia reduced
by the King
of Arragon.

Not long after, the *Genoese* having instigated the *Sardinians* to a Rebellion, a Fleet of forty five Sail was fitted out from *Catalonia* under the Command of *Bernard Caprara*, who being soon after joined by twenty *Venetian* Gallies, commanded by *Nicholas Pisani*, proceeded to *Sardinia*, where, off *Algeri*, (otherwise called *Larguero*) he fell in with the *Genoese* Fleet, commanded by *Anthony Grimaldi*, which he engaged and entirely defeated, taking thirty five Gallies, and three thousand Prisoners. However *Sardinia* was not yet quiet, wherefore another Fleet was got ready at *Barcelona* to settle Affairs there, on board which embarked the King of *Arragon* himself, who proceeding to the Bay of *Algeri*, there landed his Troops, and expelling his Enemies, reduced the Island to Obedience.

The English
Fleet beaten
by the Spaniards.
A. D. 1393.

The Canary
Islands discovered.

Some time after this *Ambrose Boccanigra* was sent by *Henry II.* King of *Castile*, with a strong Squadron to the Assistance of the *French* against the *English*, whose Fleet, commanded by the Earl of *Pembroke*, he engaged off *Rochel*, and entirely defeated, taking the Earl Prisoner, with most of his Ships, which was followed by the Surrender of the Town, then held by the *English*, into the Hands of the *French* who besieged it. In 1393, some private Ships belonging to *Biscay* and *Guipuscoa* failed to *Lancerota*, one of the *Canary* Islands, where the *Biscayans* defeated a Company of *Barbarians* which opposed their landing, and sailing thence to the other Islands included under that Name, fully discovered them all. Upon their Return home, they made a Report of their Proceedings to King *Henry* of *Castile*, who thereupon gave leave to *John de Bethencourt*, a Native of *France*, to go and take Possession of those Islands, but reserved to himself and Successors the Right of Sovereignty therein.

The Castilian
Squadron
beat the Gal-
lies of Portu-
gal.
A Peace be-
tween the
Kings of Cas-
tile and Por-
tugal.

The *Castilians* under their King *Henry III.* then a Child, were now fitting out Ships to go on new Discoveries, when *John* King of *Portugal* attacking them, forced them to desist from such Enterprizes, and turn their Thoughts to their own Defence. A *Castilian* Squadron of five Sail, falling in with seven *Portuguese* Gallies, bound home from *Genoa*, with Troops and Arms on board, the *Spaniards* bravely engaged them, and with such Success, that they took three of the Enemy's Gallies, sunk one, and forced the rest to betake themselves to Flight. Soon after which Action, a Peace ensued between the two Crowns, during the long Continuance whereof, *viz.* till the Time of *Philip II.* the *Portuguese* discovered and carried on their famous Navigations to the East, as the *Spaniards* did to the new World they found out, within that Century, in the West. Then *Bethencourt* again renewed his Attempts for the Reduction of the

Canary

Canary Islands, which had been interrupted during the late War, and having subdued *Ferro, Palma, and Teneriffe*, had the Title given him of King of those Islands, together with *Lancerota*, before conquered by the *Biscayans*, where he built a Fortrefs, and made a Port for the Security and Advantage of Commerce. After *Betben-court*, one *Menault*, likewise a *Frenchman*, reigned in those Islands, but with such a tyrannical Conduct, that he was obliged to sell his Government to *Ferdinand Perez*, a Knight of *Seville*, whose Posterity continued in Possession thereof till the Time of *Ferdinand and Isabella*, King and Queen of *Castile*.

Bethencourt King of the Canary Islands.

The *Arragoneses*, in the mean while, were more intent on Arms than Trade, or the Desire of new Discoveries, and engaged in a War in Defence of *Joan II*, Queen of *Naples*. Pope *Martin V.* had lately, by a Bull for that purpose, been pleased to divest Queen *Joan* of the Kingdom of *Naples*, and to confer it on *Lewis Duke of Anjou*, whose Cause was also favoured by the *Genoeses*, and other Powers of *Italy*. *Alphonsus V.* was then King of *Arragon*, who fearing that if the *French* should possess *Naples*, they would soon carry the War into his Island of *Sicily*, resolved to divide his Enemy's Forces, and attack the *Genoeses* in Alliance with them. Accordingly he made an Expedition to the Isle of *Corfica*, belonging to them, where the War was carried on with great Destruction on both sides, the *Genoeses* making a very strenuous Defence. At which time, to compensate his good Services, Queen *Joan* adopted King *Alphonsus* for her Son, and constituted him Heir to her Crown; whereupon he sent to her Assistance *Raimond de Perillos* with a Fleet of eighteen Gallies and fourteen other Ships of War. But at length a Quarrel arising betwixt the Queen and her new adopted Son, she disinherited him, and adopted the Duke of *Anjou* to be her Son and Heir in his room. By this means was *Alphonsus* at once cut off from all his fair Hopes of enjoying the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Corfica*, and obliged to repair to *Spain*, to defend his Dominions there from the King of *Castile*: but in his way thither, resolving to commit some Act of Revenge upon his Enemies, he enter'd the Port of *Marseilles*, belonging to the Duke of *Anjou*, (who was also Earl of *Provence*) and having plundered that City, proceeded on his Voyage to *Spain*.

The King of Arragon arms in Defence of Joan Queen of Naples.

Hot Disputes between those of Arragon and the Genoeses about Corfica.

The King of Arragon plunders Marseilles.

On his Arrival there, joining his Forces with those of *Navarre*, he carried on the War with great Vigour against the King of *Castile*: During the Heat whereof, receiving News that Queen *Joan* and *Lewis Duke of Anjou* were both dead, and that *Rend*, the Brother of that Duke, was appointed by the Queen's last Will to succeed to the Throne of *Naples*, but that many of the Nobles of that Kingdom, being weary of a *French* Government, were inclined to espouse his Cause, he fitted out a new Fleet, whereon embarking with his Army, he passed over into *Sicily*, from whence sailing to the Coast of *Naples*, he formed the Siege of *Gacta*, then garrisoned by the *Genoeses* for the Duke of *Anjou*. To the Relief of that Place the Duke of *Milan* (to whom the Republick of *Genoa* had lately submitted) sent a considerable Fleet under the Command of *Bingio Asfiroto*,

The Genoese Fleet beats that of the King of Arragon.

The Siege of Gaeta rais'd.

Naples taken by the King of Arragon.

Several Conquests of the King of Castile.

The King Ferdinand V. conquers Spain.

The Moors banish'd Spain.

sereto, which falling in with that of *Arragon*, near the Isle of *Ponza*, off *Gaeta*, they came to an Engagement, wherein, after an obstinate Dispute, the Victory fell to the *Genoese*, and the Gally on board which King *Alphonfus* himself was, being stript of her Oars, and otherwise much disabled, the King surrendered himself Prisoner to *James Justiniani*, one of the Enemy's Captains; with whom at the same time were taken his Brother *John King of Navarre*, *Henry the Prince Infante*, and many other Persons of the first Quality, with thirteen Ships of War and several Gallies. The Prisoners of the common sort were more in Number than the whole Force of the *Genoese*, wherefore they set most of them ashore and dismissed them; and upon the News of this Loss, those of the *Arragonese*, who were before *Gaeta*, rais'd the Siege in the utmost Confusion. However *Alphonfus* being soon admitted to an Interview with the Duke of *Milan*, performed more by his Address than he was able to do by his Arms, and so wrought upon him, that he brought him over to engage in his Interests, and enter into a Treaty for that purpose; which so exasperated the *Genoese*, that they immediately threw off their Obedience to the Duke of *Milan*, and bound themselves by stricter Engagements to prosecute the Cause of the *French*. *Alphonfus*, now set at liberty and aided by the Duke of *Milan*, carried on the War for *Naples* with great Vigour, and laid siege to the capital City of that Kingdom, which he at length possess'd himself of, notwithstanding the utmost Efforts of the *French* to maintain it. The rest of *Naples* soon followed the Example of the chief City, so that after a twenty Year's War, (for so long it was since he was first adopted by Queen *Joan*) *Alphonfus* became entirely Master of the Kingdom.

In the mean time the Kings of *Castile* were endeavouring to encrease their Dominions by new Acquisitions, and to extend their Empire beyond the *Aequator*, sending out several Squadrons on such Enterprizes; one of which, commanded by *Peter à Vera*, spent three Years in reducing those of the *Canary Islands* which had not been already subdued. Another, under the Command of *Peter de Cobides*, made a Voyage to the Coast of *Guinea*, with very great Success, gaining a prodigious Booty, all which was shared between the Commander in Chief, the Soldiers and Seamen, except only a fifth part reserved for the King. The Nephew of the formention'd *Alphonfus*, having married *Isabella*, the Heiress of *Castile*, became King thereof in 1474, by the Name of *Ferdinand V*, and by the Decease of his Father in 1478, succeeded all to the Dominions of *Arragon*; and having at length taken the Kingdom of *Granada* from the *Moors*, became Master of all *Spain*, except *Portugal*. For fear the *Moors*, tho' subdued, should yet, because of their great Numbers in the Kingdom, again gather Strength, and make head against him, he forced seventeen thousand Families of them to retire into *Africa*, where still he would not suffer them to rest, but with a considerable Fleet ravaging the Coasts of *Barbary*, took from them the Towns of *Marsalquivir*, *Oran*, *Peñon de Velez*, and *Melilla*.

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About this time it was that *Christopher Columbus*, a *Genoese* Pilot, first addressed himself to *Henry VII.* of *England*, and offered to go and make Discoveries, in his Name, of great Tracts of Land, which he was assured lay to the Westward of our Continent, but being rejected by him, and his Council, as a whimsical Projector, he proposed the same thing to *John II.* King of *Portugal*, where meeting with the like Treatment as in *England*, he applied himself to the Court of *Spain*, and was favourably heard by the Dukes of *Medina Sidonia*, and *Medina Celi*, who introduced him to the King and Queen; and having the good Fortune to have his Project relished by Cardinal *Gonzales de Mendoza*, then Chancellor of *Spain*, was thereupon furnished with Ships and Men pursuant to his Proposals.

Christopher Columbus goes on foreign Discoveries

In *August* 1492, he set sail from *St. Lucar* for the Westward, and having touched at the *Canary* Islands, in thirty Days sail from thence, he fell in with the Island of *Guanahani*, otherwise called *St. Salvador*, and by the *English* *Catt-Island*, being one of those now known by the Name of the *Bahama's*. Which finding to be uninhabited, he proceeded thence to *Cuba*, from whence he took some of the Natives on board, who conducted him to *Cibao*, which he named *Hispaniola*, where he discovered several rich Gold Mines; and finding the Inhabitants of that Island to be of a more sociable and civiliz'd Temper than the former, he resolv'd to leave some of his People among them, while he returned to *Spain* to give an Account of his Expedition: And accordingly erecting a kind of a Fort with the Timber of one of his Ships, which he broke up for that purpose, he left some *Spaniards* to defend it, and setting sail for *Spain*, arriv'd in fifty Days at *St. Lucar*, bringing with him a Quantity of Gold, and twelve of the Natives of *Hispaniola* as Witnesses of his Discovery. The News of his Arrival was received with great Joy by the Court of *Spain*; but when *John* King of *Portugal* heard of the Discoveries which had been made, he, by his Ambassador at *Madrid*, complain'd to that Court, that they encroached upon his Dominions, for that the Countries they had found out did of Right belong to him, as possessing the *Cape Verde* Islands, and the Sovereignty of the Ocean, which his Ancestors first caus'd to be navigated. To which the *Spanish* Ministers made Answer, that what was not in any body's Possession before lay open to all Men, and that it could be no Injury to any one if they, by their Industry, made themselves Masters of what was till then unknown to the rest of the World. Hereupon ensued very high Words between the two Courts; but at length, to prevent these Disputes from breaking out into a War, they appeal'd to Pope *Alexander VI.* for his Determination of the Matter, who decided it in favour of the *Spaniards*, in this manner. By an imaginary Line drawn from North to South through both the Poles, in the Longitude of five Degrees West from the Islands of *Cape Verde*, he divided the World into two Parts, all Lands discovered, or to be discovered, to the Westward of which he assigned to the King of *Spain*, and those to the Eastward were to belong to the King of *Portugal*.

A. D. 1492.

The Pope's Division of all new discovered Countries, in the World, between the Spaniards and Portuguese.

1493.

Hereupon *Columbus* was, the next Year, ordered to return to these new-found Countries, with a Commission, styling him Admiral of the Indies; in which Voyage he discovered the Islands of the *Canibals*, the same which are now called the *Caribbees*, on each of which he imposed such a Name as he thought fit, naming one *Dominica*, because it was discovered on a Sunday; another *Santa Cruz*, from a Cross which he erected there; a third *Guadelupa*, because the Land appeared like a Mountain of that Name in *Spain*; a fourth, inhabited by only Women, like the *Amazons* of the Ancients, he named *Matanina*, being the same which is now called *Martinique*; a fifth he called *Monserat*, from its high Lands appearing indented in several Places like a Saw; a sixth *Rotonda*, (now *Redondo*) from its circular Form; and so the rest. At *Santa Cruz* he had a Skirmish at Sea with the Natives, who were led by a Woman, and shot poisoned Arrows, which killed many of his Men. Several of these *Barbarians* sinking their Boats, managed themselves upon the Water with such Dexterity, that they threw their Darts as if they had been on firm Ground, and retired fighting till they came to a neighbouring Rock, where being surrounded, and many of them hurt or killed, the rest surrendered themselves Prisoners to the *Spaniards*. *Columbus* proceeding hence, sailed to *Babama*, and from thence repaired to *Hispaniola*, where he found his Fort destroyed, and the Men he had left cut to pieces by the Natives, of whom having put several to Death, in Revenge of their Barbarity, he went up into the inland Parts of the Island, (where one *Canoba* was *Cacique*, or King) which he found very fertile in Gold Mines, and there laid the Foundations of a City; which done, he went back to his Landing place, which he had before named *Port Royal*, and also built a Town there; and having made several other Discoveries in those Parts, he returned to *Spain*, but met there with a very ill Reception, altogether unsuitable to his glorious Services: both himself and his Brother, being accused by *Roland Ximenes* of High Crimes and Misdemeanours, and committed to Prison; where, however, he did not long continue, for his Innocence being made appear, he was restored to his Sovereign's Favour.

During his Disgrace, some of the Companions of his former Voyages undertook to make farther Discoveries in other Parts of this new World, which they were permitted to do, on condition none of them attempted it within fifty Leagues of any of the Places already discovered. Of these, *Pedro Alonzo Nigro* failed to that now called the Province of *Paria*, in the *Terra Firma*, the Coasts whereof were very rich in Pearls; but *Columbus* having been there before, he only took in Provisions, and proceeding Southward, discovered part of the Coast of *Guiana*, where he had a Skirmish at Sea with the *Canibals*, who inhabited the Country. Mean while, *Vincent* and *Aries Pinfone*, who went out at the same time, but in a different Route, came on the same Coast, and discovered the rest of *Guiana* as far as *Brazil*.

Other foreign Discoveries.

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A few Years after, *Americus Vespucci*, an Italian in the Spanish Service, and afterwards in that of *Portugal*, making several Discoveries along the Coasts of the South Parts of this Continent, was, in this respect, more fortunate than any of his Predecessors, that the whole was from him called *America*. In the mean time *Vasco Nugnez* having got footing in the Province of *Darien*, from a high Mountain there, discovered the Pacifick Ocean, or South Sea, which he surveyed with greedy Eyes, as if it were already become the Propriety of his Master.

And now it was that *Ferdinand Cortez*, by his stupendous Conquests in *Mexico*, gained to himself immortal Honour, who passing over, in 1509, from *Cuba* to *Jucatan*, with a Body only of six hundred Men, there took *Pontochan*, a City of the *Indians*, to which he gave the Name of *Vittoria*, because before the taking of it he had defeated the Prince of the Country in several Battels. This done, he embarked his Troops, and sailed to the River *Alvaredo*, and thence to the *Zempoallan*, near which he built the Town of *Vera-Cruz*, and there sinking his Ships, cut off all Thoughts of a Retreat from his Soldiers, and gave them to understand they must either conquer or die: Leaving that Place with a small Garrison for the Defence of it, under the Command of *Peter Hircio*, he attacked the Town of *Zempoallan*, and presently reducing it, changed its Name to that of *Seville*. Thence opening his way, Sword in Hand, to *Mexico*, situate in a great Lake, he laid siege to that City, which he reduced to his Obedience, and, by a Stratagem, took Prisoner *Montezuma*, the King of the Country, and put him to Death; after which he was forced out of the City by an Insurrection, but rallying all his Forces, together with those *Indians* which were his Friends, he again attempted it by Land and Water, and after a long and tedious Siege, wherein infinite Multitudes of the Enemy were slain, again made himself Master of the Place, together with *Quabutimoca* the new King, whom he sent Prisoner to the Emperor *Charles V*, with his Share, the fifth part of the Spoil, which was of inestimable Value. Having repaired the Damages the City had suffered in the Siege, he proceeded thence to *Cbila* on the Sea-Coast, which he rebuilt, and called *St. Stephen*. After which he carried his Arms through all the other Parts of that Province, and, having with a handful of Men subdued numberless Hosts of Enemies, and reduced the Country wholly to his Obedience, he peopled it with Colonies from *Europe*; and having settled it in Peace, being worn out with Years, and the Toils of War, he left his Conquests, and returned to lay his Almes in *Spain*.

Ferdinand Cortez, his Conquests. A. D. 1509.

Mexico reduced by the Spaniards.

1521.

In the mean time *John Diaz* sailing Southward, along the Coast of *Brazil*, came to an Anchor in the Mouth of a great River called by the Natives of the Country the *Paraguay*, to which the *Spaniards* have since given the Name of *Rio de la Plata*, because the first Silver they received from *Peru* came down that River. Now also was *Peru* discovered, by Land, and an immense Extent of Country reduced, by the Slaughter of Millions of the Inhabitants, to the Obedience of the *Spaniards*; among whom however, at

Peru reduced by the Spaniards.

length, there arose such Diffensions about the Division of the Spoil, that they had gone near to have destroyed one another themselves, and given the *Americans* an Opportunity of recovering their Losses, if the Emperor *Charles V.* had not timely sent over some Judges to *Nombre de Dios* to determine their Disputes, and put an end to those Diffensions, by some wholesome Severities upon the chief of the Offenders.

Magellan's
Discoveries.

The Ambition and Avarice of the *Spaniards* was not yet so satisfied by the Discovery of all these Islands, and this vast Continent, but that they envied the *Portuguese* their Possessions in the East; and a shorter Passage must now be found out to them (as they hoped there might) by the West of *America*. For this purpose *Ferdinand Magellan*, a *Portuguese* Navigator, who had been disobliged at home, offered his Service to the Emperor, from whom receiving the Command of five Ships, he set sail from *St. Lucar* the tenth of *August* 1519, and, touching at the *Canaries*, proceeded to the Southernmost Parts of *America*, beyond the foremention'd *Rio de la Plata*, (all which is from him since named *Terra Magellanica*) where the first Place he anchored in he called the Bay of *St. Julian*, and the Country the Land of *Giants*, because of the great Stature of the Inhabitants; the next River he came to he named *Santa Cruz*, whence proceeding farther Southward, he arrived at a great Promontory, to which, because he first saw it on *St. Ursula's Day*, he gave the Name of the *Eleven thousand Virgins*, in allusion to a ridiculous Legend of the Church of *Rome* concerning that Saint. Having doubled this Cape, he enter'd into those Streights which have ever since bore his Name, and passing through the same, came into the South-Sea, where leaving *Chili* and *Peru* behind him, he sailed for many Weeks, and then passing the *Æquinoctial*, proceeded to the Islands he named the *Ladrones*, and from thence to those since called the *Philippines*, when he had with him only three of his five Ships, one of them having left him and returned to *Spain*, and the other being cast away. *Magellan* having sailed round several of these Islands, came at length to *Matan*, one of the Number, where, in a Battel with the Islanders, he was unfortunately slain by an Arrow. Hereupon the *Spaniards* chose *John Serrano* for their Leader, but he, with five and twenty of his Companions, being soon after treacherously killed at a Banquet by the King of *Cebu*, and the rest not being able to manage their three Ships, they burnt one of them at *Bebol*, and thence came down to the *Moluccas*, where, at *Tidore*, having purchased a Quantity of Spices of the King of the Island, the two Ships departed thence for *Spain*, each a different way. That called the *Trinity* sailed Eastward, in order to touch at *Panama*, and return by the Rout she came, but being forced back by contrary Winds to *Tidore*, she there fell into the Hands of the *Portuguese*, and was taken, as we have before mentioned. The other, named the *Victory*, was the only one now left of *Magellan's* five Ships, which sailing through the *Indian* and *Æthiopick* Oceans, doubled the Cape of *Good Hope*, and then traversing the *Atlantick*, after a three Year's Voyage, happily arrived, under the Command

Command of *Sebastian Cano*, at the Port of *St. Lucar*, and was the first Ship that navigated round the Globe.

Not long after Occasion offered for employing the *Spaniards* at Sea, much nearer home; for *Haradin Barbarussa*, a notable Pirate in the Mediterranean, having taken the Castle of *Goletta* near *Tunis*, and dispossessed *Muley Hassan* of that Kingdom, as we have elsewhere observed, the outed Prince implored Aid of the Emperor *Charles V*; whereupon a great Fleet was fitted out to re-instate him, and appointed to rendezvous at *Cagliari* in *Sardinia*, whither repaired also, as Auxiliaries, several Ships of *Genoa*, a Squadron of *Portuguese* commanded by *Lewis*, the Brother of *John* King of *Portugal*, one of the Pope's, under the Command of *Paul Justiniani*, and *Virginus Orsini*, and another of the Knights of *Malta*. The Fleet being here all assembled, crossed over to *Porto Farina*, where landing the Troops, they put to flight those who opposed them, cut off a Body of Men that sallied out from *Goletta*, which they soon made themselves Masters of, as they did presently after of *Tunis* it self; and driving *Barbarussa* out of the Kingdom, set *Muley Hassan* again on the Throne, he first agreeing to pay a Tribute to the Emperor, and yield him a Possession of the Towns of *Africa*, *Biserta*, and *Bona*, (with the neighbouring Islands,) and the Castle of *Goletta*.

1535.

The Fleet of Charles V. beats Barbarussa.

In the Winter of the Year 1541, the Emperor undertook another Expedition to *Africa*, in order to reduce *Algier*, contrary to the Advice of the Pope and others, who would have had him deferr'd it till the following Spring. His Fleet consisted of a hundred Ships, and eighteen Gallies, having on board two and twenty thousand Men, which he landed safely near Cape *Metafuz*, a point of Land a little to the Eastward of the City, of which he presently formed the Siege; but in a few Days there arose such a fierce Storm of Wind and Rain, as demolished all his Works, drove his Ships and Gallies from their Anchors, and made such universal Destruction, that he was forced to rise from before the place in the utmost Confusion, and embarking on board the Remainder of his Ships, he returned to *Spain* with the Loss of half his Fleet and Army.

A. D. 1541.

The Emperor forced to raise the Siege of Algiers.

A. D. 1551.

The famous Pirate *Dragut Raiz* having in 1551 taken *Tripoli* from the *Spaniards*, after they had been forty Years in Possession of it, *Philip II* who succeeded his Father *Charles V.* in the Kingdom of *Spain*, fitted out a considerable Fleet in 1560, for the Recovery of that Place; which sailing to the Coasts of *Tripoli*, reduced the Island of *Zerbi*, but was soon after attacked there by the *Turkish* Fleet, and utterly defeated, the Enemy making themselves Masters of the Island, killing eighteen thousand Men, and taking or destroying forty two of the Ships. However in 1564, he had better Success in his Attempts on *Peñon de Velez*, and recovered that Place from the *Moors*. Two Years after a strong Fleet was sent from *Spain* to the Relief of *Malta*, then besieged by the *Turks*, whom the *Spaniards* engaging, forced them to raise the Siege, and retire with a prodigious Loss. This Success was followed in 1571, by the signal Victory which *Don John* of *Austria*, with the *Span-*

1560.

The Fleet of Philip II. beaten by the Turks.

1564.
The Emperor takes Penon de Velez.

1566.

1571.

The Turks beaten at Malta, and Lepanto.

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nish Fleet, in concert with that of *Venice*, the Pope, and the *Genoese*, obtained over the *Turks* near *Lepanto*, which gave such a Blow to the *Turkish* Naval Affairs, as they have never since been able to recover. In 1573, the aforesaid *Don John* made an Expedition to *Africa* to reduce *Tunis*, (which had revolted,) to its Obedience, and having made himself Master of that City, raised a strong Citadel for its Security; but the next Year the *Turks* repairing thither with a powerful Army, took the Citadel, not yet finished, and possessing themselves of *Goletta*, which was very ill provided for a Defence, entirely outed the *Spaniards* of that Kingdom.

After King *Philip's* Accession to the Crown of *Portugal*, in the manner we have elsewhere mentioned, a strong Squadron was sent under the Command of *Alvarez Bassano*, Marquis of *Santa Cruz*, to recover the *Azores* Islands, which held out for *Anthony* who pretended to that Kingdom; which, at the Isle of *St. Michael*, meeting with the *French* Fleet, commanded by *Philip Strozzi*, a Marshal of *France*, they both came to an Engagement, wherein the *French* received a total Defeat, losing most of their Ships, besides great Numbers of Men, among whom was the Marshal himself; who falling into the Hands of the Marquis of *Santa Cruz*, is said to have been barbarously slain in cold Blood, contrary to all the Laws of War and Honour, and his Body thrown into the Sea. The Monarchy of *Spain* being now raised to its highest Pitch of Glory, having united to the large Dominions it was before possessed of, all those of *Portugal*, and its Dependencies in the East; *Philip* formed his Design against *England*, and fitted out his invincible Armada, as 'twas termed, an Account whereof, and its Success will be better deferr'd till we come to the Part it had among our own Affairs.

At length *Philip* dying in 1598, left his vast Territories in Peace (save the *Netherlands* which were still embroil'd) to his Son of the same Name; who, in *India*, by his Admiral *Peter Acunha*, defeated the *Dutch* in an Engagement at Sea, and repulsed them from the Islands *Ternate* and *Tidore*; and in the Mediterranean Sea, his Gallies routed the *Turks* before *Goletta*, and burnt thirty three of their Ships. Then entering into a Truce with the *Dutch* for ten Years, he made War on the Emperor of *Morocco*, and transported an Army into *Fez*, which, in conjunction with the Fleet, reduced *Larache* and *Mahmora*, two considerable Towns upon the Ocean. Soon after this, *Octavius Arrigon*, in the Mediterranean, sailed up the *Archipelago* at the head of the *Sicilian* Gallies, where, near *Scio*, he defeated a *Turkish* Squadron of ten Gallies, and took *Sinan*, who commanded them, Prisoner. In 1619 the Duke of *Osuna*, Viceroy of *Naples*, took the same Route with the *Neapolitan* Gallies, and putting out *Turkish* Colours, and placing several Persons in *Turkish* Habits on the Decks, he entered the Port of *Tenedo*, where he surprized the *Pasha* of *Cairo*, then going to his Government, and brought him off.

The *Spaniards*, upon their taking of *Mahmora* beforementioned, had erected a strong Fortrefs there, which being in the Neighbourhood of *Sallé*, was a great Curb to the Rovers of that Place, and therefore

1573.
Don John reduces Tunis, which is re-taken by the *Turks*.
and also Goletta.

1583.
The Portuguese beat the French at Sea near the Azores,

1588.
The Spanish Armada.

The Spaniards beat the Dutch Fleet in India.

1608.
Turks Ships burnt by the Spaniards.

The Spaniards take Larache and Mahmora.

1610.
The Gallies of Sicily beat the *Turks*.
1619.

therefore a violent Eye-fore to the Emperor of *Morocco*, who in 1621 laid siege to it, wherein he was assisted by a Squadron of *Dutch Ships*, their Truce with *Spain* being now expired: But *Alphonfus Contrera* being sent to its Relief with the *Spanish Fleet*, happily effected it, and raised the siege with a great Slaughter of the Enemy. The same Year *Frederick de Toledo*, Admiral of *Spain*, being at Sea with the Gallies, fell in with a *Dutch Fleet* in the Streights Mouth, which he worsted, and took three of their Ships and sunk one: Some time after which, he was sent with a Fleet of thirty nine sail to *Brazil*, where in conjunction with six and thirty *Portuguese Ships*, under *Manuel de Menezes*, he attacked the Town of *St. Salvador*, which the *Dutch* had lately taken from the *Portuguese*; and defeating the Enemy's Fleet, forced the Besieged to surrender, on condition of being transported to *Holland*. But the *Spaniards* in a short time after dearly paid for this trifling Advantage; for *Peter Heyns* repairing with a Squadron of *Dutch Ships* to the Gulph of *Florida*, fell in, near the *Havana*, with the Plate-Fleet, and took most of the Galleons, which plundering of their Cargoes, he ran them ashore, and brought off with him near a Million, Sterling, of Silver, besides Jewels, Gold Chains, Amber-greece, Cochinil, and great Quantities of other rich Commodities.

1621.

The Spaniards beat the Moors and Dutch.

The Dutch Fleet beaten by the Spaniards and Portuguese at St. Salvador.

1688.

The Dutch take the Spanish Plate-Fleet.

In 1639 the *Spaniards* fitted out a considerable Fleet under the Command of *Antonio de Oquendo*, consisting of sixty seven large Ships and Galleons, manned with five and twenty thousand Seamen, and having on board twelve thousand Land-men, with what Design was not then known, but supposed to be to dislodge the *Dutch Ships* from before *Dunkirk*, and land the Troops there for the Relief of *Flanders* and the rest of the *Spanish Provinces*; tho' *Monfieur Puffendorf* says, it was afterwards found out to be intended against the *Swedes*, in favour of the *Danes*, who, against the Arrival of that Fleet at *Gottenburg*, had got ready an Army of twenty thousand Men to penetrate *Sweden* on one side, while the *Spanish Troops* should land and enter it on the other. However the *Dutch* having two or three Squadrons at Sea, the *Spanish Fleet* coming up the Chanel, was met, near the Streights of *Dover*, by one of them, consisting of seventeen Sail, under the Command of *Herpert van Tromp*; who, notwithstanding the Enemy's great Superiority, ventured to attack them, but finding himself too weak, got to Windward, sailing along towards *Dunkirk*, and continually firing Guns as a Signal to the *Dutch Vice-Admiral*, who lay off that Place, to come to his Assistance, who accordingly joined him the next Morning between *Dover* and *Calais*, where engaging the *Spaniards*, a very sharp Fight ensued between them, which lasted several Hours, wherein the *Dutch* had greatly the Advantage, and having taken one Galleon, sunk another and much shatter'd the rest, at length forced them upon the *English Coast* near *Dover*. This done, *Tromp*, being in want of Powder and Ball, stood away for *Calais* to borrow some of the Governour of that Place, who presently supplying him with what he demanded, he returned again to *Dover*; upon whose Approach the *Spaniards* got within the South Foreland

1639.

The Dutch meet with a Spanish Fleet in the Brittain Chanel.

Foreland, and put themselves under the Protection of the neighbouring Castles.

The two Fleets continuing in this Posture for many Days observing each other, the Ministers of both Nations were not less employed in watching each other's Motions at *Whitehall*, and encountering one another with Memorials. The *Spanish* Resident importuned the King that he would keep the *Hollander* in Subjection two Tides, that so in the interim the others might have the Opportunity of making away for *Spain*, but the King being in Amity with them both, was resolved to stand Neuter, and whereas the *Spaniards* had hired some *English* Ships to transport their Soldiers to *Dunkirk*, upon Complaint made thereof by the *Dutch* Ambassador, strict Orders were given that no Ships or Vessels belonging to His Majesty's Subjects should take any *Spaniards* on board, or pass below *Grave-send* without Licence: However after great plotting and counter-plotting on both Sides, the *Spaniard* at length somewhat outwitted his Enemy, and found means, by a Stratagem, in the Night, to convey away through the *Downs*, round by the *North-Sand-Head* and the back of the *Goodwin*, twelve large Ships to *Dunkirk*, and in them four thousand Men; in Excuse of which gross Neglect of the *Dutch* Admirals in leaving that Avenue from the *Downs* unguarded, the *Dutch* Accounts say they were assured by the *English*, that no Ships of any considerable Burthen could venture by Night to fail that Way.

Several of the Spanish Ships escape to *Dunkirk*.

The two Fleets had now continued in their Station near three Weeks, when King *Charles* sent the Earl of *Arundel* to the Admiral of *Spain*, to desire him to retreat upon the first fair Wind; but by this time the *Dutch* Fleet was, by continual Reinforcements from *Zealand* and *Holland*, increased to a hundred Sail, and seeming disposed to attack their Enemies, Sir *John Pennington*, Admiral of His Majesty's Fleet, who lay in the *Downs* with four and thirty Men of War, acquainted the *Dutch* Admiral that he had received Orders to act in Defence of either of the two Parties who should be first attacked. The *Spaniards* however growing too presumptuous on the Protection, they enjoyed, a Day or two after fired some Shot at *Van Tromp's* Barge, when he was himself in her, and killed a Man with a Cannon-Ball on board one of the *Dutch* Ships, whose dead Body was presently sent on board Sir *John Pennington*, as a Proof that the *Spaniards* were the first Aggressors, and had violated the Neutrality of the King of *England's* Harbour. Soon after which the *Dutch* Admiral came to a Resolution of attacking the *Spaniards*; but before he put it in Execution, he thought fit to write to Admiral *Pennington*, telling him that the *Spaniards* having, in the Instances beforementioned, infringed the Liberties of the King's Harbour, and become the Aggressors, he found himself obliged to retaliate Force with Force, and attack them, in which, pursuant to the Declaration he had made to him, he not only hoped for, but depended on his Assistance; which, however if he should not be pleased to grant, he prayed the favour that he would at least give him leave

The English Fleet interposes between the Dutch and Spaniards in the Downs.

leave to engage the Enemy, otherwise he should have just Cause of Complaint to all the World of so manifest an Injury.

This Letter being delivered to the *English* Admiral, *Van Tromp* bore up to the *Spaniards*, in six Divisions, and charged them so furiously with his Broad-sides, and his Fireships, as forced them all to cut their Cables; and being three and fifty in Number, twenty three ran ashore and stranded in the *Downs*, whereof three were burnt, two sunk, and two perished on the Shore; one of which was a great Gallion, (the Vice-Admiral of *Gallicia*) commanded by *Antonio de Castro*, and mounted with fifty two Brass Guns: The Remainder of the twenty three stranded, and deserted by the *Spaniards*, were manned by the *English*, to save them from the *Dutch*. The other thirty *Spanish* Ships, with *Don Antonio de Oquendo*, the Commander in Chief, and *Lopez* Admiral of *Portugal*, got out to Sea, and kept in good Order, till a thick Fog arising, the *Dutch* took Advantage thereof, interposed between the Admirals and their Fleet, and fought them valiantly till the Fog cleared up, when the Admiral of *Portugal* began to flame, being fired by two *Dutch* Snips fitted for that Purpose, which *D' Oquendo* perceiving presently stood away for *Dunkirk* with the Admiral of that Place, and some few Ships more; for of these thirty, five were sunk in the Fight, eleven taken and sent into *Holland*, three perished upon the Coast of *France*, one near *Dover*, and only ten escaped.

Van Tromp forces the Spanish Ships on Shore in the Downs.

Spanish Ships sunk and taken.

I have been the more particular in the Account of this Engagement because of the Relation it hath to our own Affairs, and have reported it in all its Circumstances, (the most material of which have been omitted even in that said to be *Sir John Pennington's* own Account of it,) for that otherwise the *English* Government would appear to have departed from the common Rights of all Nations, in suffering one Friend to destroy another within its Chambers, and not animadverting upon the *Dutch* for that Proceeding, did it not appear that the *Spaniards* committed the first Hostility, which was the Plea the others made in their Justification: For though, by the Law of Nations, I am not to attack my Enemy in the Dominions of a Friend common to that Enemy and my self, yet no Laws Natural, Divine, or Human, forbid me to repel Force with Force, and act in my Defence when or wheresoever I am attacked. But, however, it must be confessed the *Dutch* well knew their Time, and had the like Circumstances happened twelve or fourteen Years after, when the Usurper ruled, they would probably have waited for farther Hostilities from their Enemy, (one or two Random Shot only, being liable to Exception, and to be excused as accidental) before they had ventured upon such an Action.

This was a Loss very fatal to the Naval Affairs of *Spain*, that Kingdom having used its utmost Efforts in this Armament, by much the greatest that had ever been made since the destructive Blow of 1588. And as one Misfortune generally falls on the Neck of another, this was followed by several successive Defeats at Sea from the *French*, both in the Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, particularly in the last, where the Archbishop of *Bourdeaux*, at the Head of the

The French beat the Spaniards at Sea.

Catalonia
and Portugal
revolt from
Spain.

French Gallies, engaged the *Spaniards* before *Tarragona*, and taking one, sunk or burnt eleven others: At which time also happened the Revolt both of *Catalonia* and *Portugal*, the first of which cost the Crown of *Spain* eleven Years to recover, and the latter, after several fruitless Attempts, they were forced entirely to quit all Pretensions to by Treaty (in which our King *Charles II.* was Mediator,) and acknowledge it as an independent Kingdom.

Since which time the most remarkable Incidents in the History of the *Spanish* Monarchy, are its three successive Wars, under *Charles II.* with the *French* King, the first terminated by the Peace of *Aix la Chapelle*, the second by that of *Nimeguen*, and the third by that of *Ryswick*; and lastly its War, under *Philip II.* the present King, in Conjunction with *France*, against the confederated Powers of *Europe*, which ended by the Peace of *Utrecht*; but not finding in all these any thing remarkable to our purpose, except in the two last Wars, (the principal Occurrences whereof at Sea, as they bear a Relation to our own Affairs, will be found in the fourth and fifth Books of this Work) I come in the next Place to the Naval Transactions of the *Dutch*.

CHAP. X.

Of the Naval Wars of the Dutch.

THE People of *Holland* have from very remote Times been observable for their Application to the Sea, insomuch that we find, in the Reign of *Tiberius* the *Roman* Emperor, *Germanicus*, who was at the Head of the Legions in those Parts, designing an Expedition against the *Germans* between the *Wesurgis* and the *Amisus*, and resolving to go up the latter of those Rivers, and attack them by Water as well as by Land, he, to that purpose, by the Assistance of the People of the *Insula Batavorum* (now the Province of *Holland*) built a Fleet of a thousand Ships, both for the Sail and the Oar; some of a round Form to sustain the Violence of the Waves; others with flat Bottoms, for the more convenient landing the Troops; many with two Rudders, one at each End, for the more expeditious turning them; and several with Decks laid over them, to carry the Warlike Machines, without incommoding the Horses or Provisions: With which Fleet *Germanicus* proceeded on his Design, and executed it with good Success, but the Ships in their Return home, meeting with a violent Storm, were most of them unfortunately lost.

^a Weser.
^b Embus

The Romans
build a great
Fleet, assisted
by the Dutch.

The Dutch
revolt from
the Romans,
and beat their
Fleet.

The next News we hear of these People at Sea is on their Revolt from the *Romans* under the Emperor *Vitellius*, whose stationary Fleet they attacked in the Mouth of the *Rhine*, and entirely destroyed, killing all the Troops on board, and utterly extirpating the

Roman

Roman Name in their Country. Their Affairs for several subsequent Ages are involved in such Obscurity, that we meet with nothing more of their Naval Exploits till the Time of the Counts of *Holland*, under whom the *Dutch* made several Expeditions, in conjunction with the neighbouring Nations, for recovering the Holy Land from the *Saracens*; where they gave many signal Proofs of their Valour, particularly at the Siege of *Damiata* in *Egypt*; for to some Ships of *Harlem* was chiefly owing the Reduction of that Place, by means of a kind of Saw fixed to them, wherewith they cut the Chains which were placed under Water for the Security of that City.

The Dutch under the Counts of Holland, go to the Holy Land, assist in reducing Damiata.

Under *John II*, one of these Counts, his Son (who succeeded by the Name of *William III*.) gained a great Naval Victory, off of *Zirickzee* in *Zeeland*, over *Guido* of *Dampier*, Count of *Flanders*, wherein ten thousand of the *Flemings* were slain, and great Numbers of Prisoners taken, with most of the Ships; soon after which they gave the *Flemings* another signal Defeat off the Isle of *Cadfant*. But at length Count *William*, in his turn, was worsted several times upon the Coasts of *Zeeland*, particularly in an Engagement of *Duyvelant*, wherein one of his best Officers, *Guido* Bishop of *Utrecht*, was taken Prisoner, with many others, three thousand *Hollanders* slain, and himself narrowly escaped falling into the Enemy's Hands; but soon after fitting out a new Fleet, he sent for *Reyner Grimbalts* from *Genoa*, (the same who was afterwards the *French King's* Admiral, and had that Complaint exhibited against him to our *Edward I*, which is at large cited in the first Book of this History) who having the Reputation of the most expert Seaman in that Age, he committed to him the Command of his Ships, came to an Engagement with the *Flemings* off *Zirickzee*, which continued till Night, when a violent Swell of the Sea parted them; in which Circumstance the Count of *Holland*, to keep his Ships together and in the same Order they had engaged, linked them to each other with large Grappling-Irons, which, in case of an Attack, would be Proof against any Force of the Enemy, who on the other Hand fasten'd theirs only with Ropes and Cables, which the *Hollanders* taking an Opportunity to cut in the Night, thereby put the whole Fleet in the utmost Disorder, insomuch that the greatest part of the Ships fell into their Hands, together with Count *Guido* himself, who commanded them. Which Misfortune was soon after followed by another no less fatal; for both the hostile Fleets being disposed ready for Battel, the *Flemings* sent a Fireship against the *Dutch*, which, by a sudden Change of Wind, being forced back among their own Ships, caused great Destruction among them, at which time the *Dutch* briskly charging them, thereupon ensued the Loss of the whole Fleet, consisting of a thousand Ships, which were all either burnt or taken.

Overcome the Fleet of the Count of Flanders. 1304.

The Dutch are beaten on the Coast of Flanders.

The Dutch overcome at Sea those of Flanders.

We hear nothing more of their Naval Wars for many Years; but about 1416, *William Bouckeld* is said to have first found out the Way of curing *Herrings*, which celebrated Fisherman dying in 1447, he was buried at *Bierwielit*, a Sea Port of *Flanders*, at which Place

A. D. 1416. The curing of Herrings found out.

the Emperor *Charles V.* happening to land, about a hundred Years after, paid so great a Respect to his Memory for that valuable Invention, as to go and visit his Tomb, accompanied with his Sister; *Mary Queen of Hungary*, and pray for the Peace of his Soul. In 1441, the *Dutch* managed so great a Trade and were so powerful at Sea for that Age, that they drew upon them the Envy of the People of the Trading Towns in the *Baltick* (called *Offerlings* or *Easterlings* in the Annals of those Times) who enter'd into a League against them, and waged War for three Years, but in the End the *Hollanders* proving too strong for them, they dissolved their League, and the *Swedes* came to a Truce with them for two Years, and the *Danes* and *Prussians* to a perpetual Peace.

1441.
The Dutch
improve in
Trade, and a
Naval Force,
and
War with
the Easter-
lings.

A. D. 1471.
Assist King
Edward IV.

The Earl of
Warwick
takes many
Dutch Ships.

In 1471, the *Dutch* had another Naval War on account of our *Edward IV.* whose Sister was the Wife of the *Duke of Burgundy*, then possessing all the *Low-Countries*; which Duke, espousing the Cause of his laid Brother in Law after his Quarrel with the great Earl of *Warwick*, that Earl, being supported by the *French King*, scoured the Coasts of *Holland* with a strong Squadron, where in one Day he took thirty Sail of *Dutch Ships*, and soon after twenty more; whereupon *Henry Borfale*, Lord of *Veer* was sent out against him with a Fleet of thirty six Sail, who coming up with him on the Coast of *Normandy*, recovered ten of those Ships, and found means to set the rest on fire: Soon after which the Earl of *Warwick* quitted the Sea, that he might prosecute his Quarrel more vigorously ashore in *England*.

About the Middle of the following Century the Emperor *Charles V.* (who amongst his many other Dominions, was also Sovereign of the *Low Countries*) being at War with *France*, and they having Intelligence of a Fleet of *Dutch Merchant Ships* coming up the Chanel from the Southward, lay in wait for them off *Dover*, near which Place they engaged, when the *Dutch* being much more skilful in the Management of their great Guns, used their best Endeavours to avoid a close Fight, which would deprive them of the Advantage of their Experience; for which same Reason the whole Aim of the *French* was, if possible, to grapple their Ships together with those of the *Dutch*, and found means so to do with fifteen of them, whereupon ensued a bloody and obstinate Fight, which continued for some time, till the *French*, grown weary of so hot Work, set the Sails of one of their own Ships on fire, in hopes it would oblige the *Dutch* to sheer off from the Danger, but the Ships were so closely linked together that there was no disengaging them; so that the Flames spreading from one Vessel to another, raged with equal Violence among them all, and put an End to the Dispute, in which the *Dutch* say their Enemy lost a thousand Men, and themselves but three hundred.

French Ships
destroyed by
the Dutch.

The Rise of
the United
Provinces.

In few Years after this ensued those Troubles in the *Low Countries* which lost the King of *Spain* seven of the Seventeen Provinces, and gave Rise to the flourishing Republick of the United Provinces, whose Naval Actions, if very particularly related, would of themselves require a just Volume. As if by a Sort of Fatality it

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were a Fore-token of the maritime Power they should one Day arrive at, the great Blow to the *Spanish* Affairs, to which that Republic chiefly owes its Rise, was struck by Sea, and the Effects of a Naval Expedition. For, as Sir *William Temple* tells us, upon the Duke of *Alva's* being appointed to the Government of the *Low-Countries*, and exercising that Charge with great Cruelty, many of the poorer, and more desperate sort of People fled to the Woods of the *Upper-Countries*, where they lived upon Spoil, and in the first Descent of the Prince of *Orange's* Forces from *Germany*, did great Mischiefs to all scatter'd Parties of the Duke of *Alva's* Troops in their March through those Parts. But after that Attempt of the Prince ended without Success, and he was forced back into *Germany*, the Count of *Marck*, a violent and implacable Enemy to the Duke of *Alva*, and his Government, with many others of the broken Troops, whom the same Fortune and Disposition had left together in *Friesland*, manned out some Ships of small Force, and betook themselves to Sea, beginning, with Commissions from the Prince of *Orange*, to prey upon all they could master which belonged to the *Spaniards*, scouring all the Coasts from the Mouth of the *Embs* to the Streights of *Dover*: And if at any time they happened to meet with bad Weather, or too considerable a Force of the Enemy's, they sheltered themselves in the Ports of *England*, till at length, at the Request of the Duke of *Alva*, they were forbidden by Queen *Elizabeth*, who was then at Peace with *Spain*. But now having gained considerable Riches by these Adventures, whether to sell or to refresh, whether driven by Storm, or led by Design, upon Knowledge of the ill Blood which the new Taxes had bred in all the Provinces, they landed in the Island of *Voorne*, assaulted and carried the Town of *Briel*, pulled down the Images in the Churches, professed openly their Religion, declared against the Taxes and Tyranny of the *Spanish* Government; and were immediately followed by the Revolt of most of the Towns of *Holland*, *Zeeland*, and *West-Friesland*, who threw out the *Spanish* Garrisons, renounced their Obedience to the King of *Spain*, and swore Fidelity to the Prince of *Orange*.

The Count of Marck molests the Spaniards at Sea.

Fidelity sworn to the Prince of Orange.

During the long Prosecution of this War there followed many Naval Skirmishes between the contending Parties, but none of them, in my Opinion, more remarkable than that at the Siege of *Antwerp* in 1585. That City having in 1579, with *Ghent*, *Bruges*, and others, enter'd into the Union with the Seven Provinces; the Duke of *Parma*, who commanded in the *Low-Countries* for the King of *Spain*, well knowing the vast Importance the Recovery of *Antwerp* would be to his Master's Affairs, formed, in August 1584, the Siege of that City; and having possessed himself of the Forts, and advantageous Posts in its Neighbourhood, at length resolv'd to lay a Bridge cross the *Scheld*, two Leagues below the Town, to prevent the Besieged from receiving any Succours from *Zeeland* that way, which was the only Avenue they had open. Being Master of the Country on both sides the River, he rais'd two strong Forts opposite

A. D. 1585.

The Duke of Parma lays siege to Antwerp, with what happened thereupon.

site

site to each other, one called *St. Mary's* on the *Flanders*, and the other *St. Philip's* on the *Brabant* side, to cover the intended Work; which done, he drove into the River large Piles of thirty, forty, fifty, and at length seventy Feet long, which were well secured together with cross Planks, to sustain a Bridge of Wood, (which he called a *Palissado*) whereon eight Men might march abreast. The River being in this Place four hundred and eighty Paces broad, and so deep that no Trees could be found tall enough for carrying the Work farther than eleven hundred Feet into it, *viz.* nine hundred from the side of *Brabant*, and two hundred from that of *Flanders*, there was a Space of thirteen hundred Feet left between the two Works, which was filled up with two and thirty Ships, placed at the Distance of twenty two Feet from one another; each secured against the Tide with an Anchor at Head and Stern, and held together by four Iron Chains, and as many Cables, passed from one Ship to the other; each Vessel having two Guns in the Forecastle, and two in the Poop, and thirty Soldiers on board for its Defence: Over all which Vessels there being Masts and Planks laid to join a Floor to the rest of the Work, the *Scheld* was completely shut up with a Bridge of near half a Mile long. For the Defence whereof, besides ninety seven Pieces of Ordnance, which (including the two in each Ship) were disposed through the whole length of the Work, there were placed on each side thirty three large Floats, composed of Ships Masts, Planks, and other Pieces of Timber, laid three in a Row, covering the River beyond the Breadth of the Ships on each side; and in each Row of them were raised forty round upright Pieces of Timber, headed with Iron, in the Nature of Spikes, all the Spaces between which were covered with empty Hogheads, fastened to the Floats, the better to keep them above Water; and to maintain them in this order, from each Float were thrown out two Anchors, held by Cables of a proper Length, that so they might rise and fall with the Tide. Besides all which, forty Vessels, with Soldiers on board, were disposed, twenty on each side of the River, for its farther Security against any Attacks of the Enemy. It was above seven Months before the whole Work was completed; and till the middle Space of it was filled up with the Ships, Vessels frequently passed to and from *Antwerp*, notwithstanding the continual Fire made from the Forts on each side.

The Besieged, and their Confederates, the States of the United Provinces, well knowing that if this Communication to the City could not be again opened, it would be inevitably lost, nothing was left unattempted for compassing that End. The Fleet of *Zeeland*, under the Command of *Justin of Nassau*, a natural Son of the Prince of *Orange's*, set sail from *Middleburg*, and came up the *Scheld*, where attacking the Fort of *Liefkenshoeck*, the *Dutch* soon carried it, and made themselves Masters of all the Country on both sides the River as high as the Bridge: Which great Success hastened the Execution of a Design lately entered into, whereby it was agreed, that when the Besieged, with the Works they were preparing, should attack

attack the Bridge, and open a Passage through it, the auxiliary Ships of *Zeeland* should immediately make their way through the Breach, and throw their intended Supply into the City. And lest the Floats beforementioned, which lay before the Bridge, should hinder the Performance of the *Antwerpian* Project, some of the *Dutch* Seamen went up in Boats in the Night, and some swam under Water, and with Hatchets, Seythes, and such like Instruments, cut the Cables which held the Floats at Anchor: Which, however, being soon discovered, the Duke of *Parma* caused Chains to be plac'd in the room of all the Cables, to prevent the like Damage for the future. The time appointed for the Execution of the Project against the Bridge was the fourth of *April* in the Evening, of which the Besieged gave notice to the *Zeeland* Squadron, assuring the Commander that they could not fail of ruining the Bridge, and therefore desiring that he would be ready with his Ships, well stored with Provisions, to sail through, without fear of the Enemy, to their Relief.

The Projector of this Design was one *Frederick Jambel*, an *Italian* Engineer, (sent over to them by Queen *Elizabeth*) who, by a new, and unexampled Contrivance, found means to make and spring Mines in the Water, which he performed in this manner. Having caused to be built four large Hulks with flat Bottoms, and very deep, as well as of an unusual Thickness and Strength, he first laid in the bottom of each Hulk a Floor of Brick from one end to the other, one Foot in Thickness, and five in Breadth, which having inclosed with Walls, and a Covering of a proportionable Strength, it formed a Mine of five Feet broad, and as many deep, which he filled with Gunpowder of a most exquisite Preparation, known only to himself. The Covering of this Mine consisted of large Tombstones and Mill-stones, over which he raised a Roof with Stones of the like Bulk sloped together so as to form a Ridge at top, to the end that when it blew up, it might deal its Destruction not only upwards, but sideways, and on all Quarters; the Cavity of which Roof he filled with Cannon Balls of Iron and Marble, together with Chains, Hooks, Nails, and Knives, and whatever other Instruments of Ruin a Genius so fruitful in Mischief could devise. The void Spaces between the Mine, with its Roof, and the sides of the Hulk, he built up with large square Stones, and Beams of Timber jointed together with Iron, and then covering the whole with thick Planks, and a Brick Floor, he raised thereupon a large Pile of Wood, to be set on fire as a Blind to his Design, and to make the Enemy think that was all which was intended for the Destruction of the Bridge, which Wood having under it Pitch, Tar, and other combustible Matter, was not to cease burning till the Mine should take Fire, to the Mouth whereof was laid Match of a proper Length to continue burning till the Hulk should reach the Bridge: And to these four Hulks, prepared in this manner, the said Engineer added thirteen smaller Vessels, having their Decks covered with Piles of Wood and Fire-works.

The Duke of *Parma* was very well apprized of the great Preparations making for the Attack of the Bridge, but was totally ignorant of the manner wherein it was to be done; only supposing that the Besieged, with the Ships they were getting ready, were to assault it above, while the *Zeeland* Fleet should do the same below. All things being ripe for the Execution of this Design, as soon as it was Night the small Vessels were seen coming down the Stream all in Flames, whereupon the Alarm being presently taken in the Duke of *Parma's* Camp, the Banks of the River and the Bridge were immediately covered with Troops. By this time the fatal Squadron being come within two Miles of the Bridge, the Persons who had the Management thereof, fixing in the middle of the Stream the Rudders of the four Hulks, in such manner as they might be carried directly against that part of the Bridge which consisted of the Ships, they set fire to the Piles of Wood and the Matches, and retired into their Boats; taking little or no care of the smaller Vessels, as being designed more to amuse and confound the Enemy, than to do any great Execution, so that most of them stuck on the Floats at a distance from the Bridge, or ran ashore upon the Banks: Nor did the Hulks, now destitute of Pilots, keep the Course as was designed, one of which springing a Leake, sunk in the midst of the River, the second and third were forced by the Wind upon the *Flanders* Shore, and no better Success seemed to attend the fourth, which fell foul of the Floats. Upon this the Enemy recovering their Surprise, began to deride so fruitless a Project as they supposed this would prove; but that last Hulk, which was the largest and strongest of them all, forcing its way, at length, through the Floats, and bearing directly upon the Bridge, their Fears began to revive, and immediately all Hands were set to work, some to send it off from the Bridge with Poles and Staves, others to pull down the Pile of Wood, and endeavour to extinguish the Fire, the Duke of *Parma* himself appearing on the Bridge where the Ships joined to the Palissado, to encourage the Men with his Presence; from whence however being at length prevailed upon to withdraw to Fort *St. Mary's* at the Foot of the Bridge, he was scarcely arrived there, when, the lighted Match having now burnt to the Powder, the Hulk blew up with such a dreadful Violence, that it seemed as if Heaven and Earth were coming together, and the World was shaken to its Centre: And amidst the horrid Blaze there flew such Tempests of Stones, Chains, and Cannon-shot, which caused so vast a Destruction as can only be believed because it happened. Great part of the Bridge next Fort *St. Mary's*, and six of the Ships, with the Soldiers, Seamen, Pieces of Cannon, Planks, Guns, and various kinds of Arms, were all torn up together with one fatal Blast, and tols'd about like Chaff before the Wind; the same impetuous Violence forcing the River from its Chanel, and spreading it upon the adjacent Fields, where the Soldiers waded to their Knees, and the very Forts were filled a Foot deep. The Earth shook for nine Miles about, and many of the largest Stones, which were found a thousand Paces from the River, stuck a Foot deep in the Ground. The Duke of *Parma*, and several

A dreadful Blast at the blowing up a Hulk at the Duke of Parma's Bridge.

several Officers about him in Fort St. *Mary's*, were beaten to the Earth with the violent Motion of the Air, and some of them hurt with the Fall of Pieces of Timber. Death appeared in variety of Shapes, and no less than eight hundred Men, with many Officers, were slain outright, besides great Numbers which were hurt and died afterwards of their Wounds, and many more were destroyed by the blowing up of one of the other Hulks upon the *Flanders* Shore, where the third that was near it (taking in so much Water as damaged the Powder) remained without effect.

The Darknes of the Night added to the Horror of this dreadful Blow, which struck a most terrible and universal Amazement amongst the Besiegers; notwithstanding all which, the Duke of *Parma*, as soon as he was recovered from his first Surprize, used such extraordinary Diligence to fill up the Breach made in the Bridge, partly with other Ships, and partly by slightly laying together again many of the Planks and Timbers which floated upon the Water, that before Day the Floor was entire, whereon he disposed a Body of Troops, with Colours flying, Drums beating, and Trumpets sounding, to make an Appearance of Opposition, and disguise as much as possible the Destruction: Which Artifice succeeded so well, that the *Zeeland* Fleet made no Attempt to come up the River, though they might without difficulty have broken through the slight hasty Work, and, by relieving *Antwerp*, have forced the Duke of *Parma* to raise the Siege. This they neglecting to do, he in a short time fully repaired his Bridge, defeated another Attempt against it, and prosecuting the Siege with extraordinary Vigour, in few Months after made himself Master of the City, to the great Advancement of the King of *Spain's* Affairs in the *Low-Countries*. This great Captain's Conduct before *Antwerp*, as well in building the Bridge, as in his dextrous repairing of it when ruined, the ingenious Historian, *Famian Strada*, has thought reasonable to compare with that of *Alexander* the Great at the Siege of *Tyre*, where he raised a like stupendous Work, as we have in its proper Place described: Nor, in my Opinion, is the Comparison unjust; but we must at the same time let the *Antwerpians* have the Honour of completing the Parallel, by acknowledging the Bravery of their Defence to be equal to that of the Citizens of *Tyre*.

The Duke of Parma full; repairs his Bridge, and takes Antwerp.

The *Zeelanders* we before mentioned to have come up the *Scheld* with their Fleet, finding nothing farther to be done towards the Relief of *Antwerp*, returned to *Middleburg*; but had not long after an Opportunity of revenging themselves by the Share they had with Us in the Destruction of the *Spanish Armada* in 1588, of whose Service therein I shall be more particular when I come to treat of that Action among our own Affairs; as I shall, in the same Place, of the part the *Dutch* bore in our Expedition to *Cadiz* under the Earl of *Essex*, in 1596.

About this time it was that the *Dutch*, being prohibited all farther Commerce with *Spain* and *Portugal*, to which they had hitherto traded, with great Advantage, under other Names, took a Resolution of visiting *India* themselves, and trafficking, at the first

The Dutch attempt a way to India by the North-East.

hand, with the rich Commodities of that Country. To which purpose they endeavoured to find out a Passage thither by the North-East, which they proposed should be two thousand Miles shorter than that by the Cape of *Good-Hope*; and, in the Prosecution of this Design, some Ships of *Amsterdam*, and of the Town of *Veer* in *Zeeland*, penetrated a considerable way to the Eastward, and discovered *Nova Zembla*, and the Streights of *Weygatz*; but not being able to reach any farther, by reason of the Cold and Ice, they returned home; and that Project being laid aside, some Merchants of *Amsterdam*, in the Year 1595, set out four Ships to proceed to *India* by the Cape of *Good-Hope*, which having traded in *Sumatra*, *Java*, and the Isle of *Baly*, safely returned home.

A. D. 1595.

Dutch East-India-Company settled.

Not long after this they were sent out again, in conjunction with several others under the Direction of the same Merchants, who were now incorporated into a Publick Society by the Name of the *East-India-Company*; whose Profits, in these early Voyages, were so great, that for every Venture of five or six Florins, they gained a hundred. These Ships were commanded by *Jacob Nek*; at the time of whose sailing from the *Texel*, two Ships of *Balthasar Moucheiron's*, and three of *Adrian Hendrickson's*, proceeded on the same Voyage from *Zeeland*; as did also five from *Rotterdam*, under the Command of *James Mabu*; but the latter steered a different Course, and sailing through the Streights of *Magellan* to the *Molucca's*, and thence home, navigated round the Globe. So good Success the *Dutch* met with in these Expeditions, that in 1598, eighty Ships sailed from *Holland* to the *East-Indies*, and returned home richly laden with *Indian* Commodities; at which time some Ships were sent up the Mediterranean to settle a Trade in *Turkey*, and others to *Guiana* in *America*, to traffick upon that Coast. This Year also *Oliver de Noort*, sailing with four Ships from the *Maccie*, made a Voyage round the Globe, in which he took a *Spanish* Ship richly laden at the Isle of *St. Mary*, and in an Engagement with two great Galleons at the *Philippines*, sunk one of them.

The Dutch settle a Trade in Turkey and Guiana.

Other Discoveries made by the Dutch.

The next Year a Fleet of seventy Sail repaired to the *Canary* Islands, under the Command of *Peter Dousa*, who landing in *Teneriffe*, took and burnt the Town of *Laguna*, and proceeding thence to *Gomer*, destroyed that Place likewise, from whence he made the best of his way for the Isle of *St. Thomas*, under the *Æquinoctial* Line, which he ravaged, and brought off a rich Booty from thence; but the great Heats of that Climate causing a Mortality amongst the Seamen, which proved fatal also to *Dousa* himself, the Fleet returned to *Holland* with the Loss of great Numbers of them. In another Expedition *Laurence Bicker*, with two Ships under his Command, after an obstinate Dispute at the Island of *St. Helena*, took a great *Spanish* Galleon called the *St. James*, having a very rich Cargo on board of Pearls, Gems, Gold, *Bezoar-Stone*, Amber, and other Goods of inestimable Value, which, with four hundred Prisoners, and seventeen Brass Guns, the *Dutch* put on board their Ships, and brought safe to *Zeeland*.

In 1602, *Frederick Spinola*, the Brother of *Ambrose*, a famous Captain of the *Spaniards* in *Flanders*, coming from *Spain* with eight Gallies thither, in order to cruise from thence upon the *Zee-landers*, was met off the *Goodwin Sands* by four *Dutch Ships* under the Command of the Vice-Admiral of *Zeeland*, who, by the help of *Sir Robert Mansel*, then cruising thereabouts with two of the *Queen's Ships*, destroyed all of them but one, which with great difficulty escaped to *Dunkirk*. The same Year a Fleet of thirteen Ships were sent to the *East-Indies* under the Command of the *Sieur Haghen*; from whence about the same time another Squadron returned under the *Sieur Hermansen*, after three Year's Voyage, wherein before *Bantam*, in the Isle of *Java*, they had taken, sunk, or otherwise destroyed a *Portuguese Fleet* consisting of eight Gallions, and twenty two Gallies, under Admiral *Mendoza*, whom they forced to retire to *Amboina*, and entirely expelling the *Portuguese* from *Bantam*, settled a *Dutch Factory* there in their room.

The Dutch and Sir Robert Mansel overcome some Spanish Ships.

The Dutch destroy several Portuguese Ships at the Island Java.

Not long after this the States made themselves Masters of the Town of *Sluys* in *Flanders*, and in the Port of that Place took ten Gallies, with fourteen hundred Men on board: And in *East-India* the *Dutch* outed the *Portuguese* from the Isle of *Amboina*, which they had possessed ever since the Year 1546; where continuing successful in all their Attempts, and in their Negotiations with the Princes in those Parts, they possessed themselves of *Tidore*, and most of the rest of the *Molucca's*, and in a manner wholly engrossed the *Spice Trade*. The *Portuguese* suffering most sensibly in these Expeditions, besought the King of *Spain* to make Peace with the *Dutch*; and *Spinola*, his General in *Flanders*, advising the same thing, Deputies were accordingly dispatched to the *Hague*, but without Success. After this they sent their Admiral *Flemskirk* with a Fleet against *Spain*, who having Advice the *Spanish Fleet* was in the Harbour of *Gibraltar*, tho' they were very strong, and had a numerous Artillery, with some Regiments of their best Land-Forces on board, he bravely attacked them, and obtained a compleat Victory, but was himself slain in the Battel: Not long after which the *Dutch* came to a Truce with *Spain* for twelve Years, the Articles whereof were signed the ninth of *April* 1609.

The Dutch take Sluys, &c. and drive the Portuguese from Amboina.

The Dutch almost wholly engross the Spice Trade.

The Spaniards overcome by the Dutch at Gibraltar, and a Truce for twelve Years, A. D. 1609.

The great Successes of the *Dutch* in *India* had now made their Name so famous in all Parts, that one Embassy came to them from *Japan* with Invitations of Friendship and mutual Commerce, and another from the Emperor of *Morocco*, with the like Offers of Liberty of Trade in that Country: And soon after they received Ambassadors from the Grand *Signior*, and King of *Persia*, with Proposals of Freedom of Commerce also through their respective Dominions. About this time one *Hudson*, an *Englishman*, was sent out by the *Dutch East-India Company*, to find a way to *India* by the North-West, but being stop'd by Ice in one Route, he steered another Course, and discovered those Streights, and that Bay since called by his Name, but could meet with no Passage open to *India*.

The Dutch courted by foreign Princes.

Hudson's Bay discovered.

In 1612, the *Spaniards* and *Portuguese* envying the vast Advantages the *Dutch* received from their Trade, opposed their Commerce, and pretended that none but themselves had any Right to pass beyond the *Æquinoctial Line*; whereupon the States fitted out a Fleet to protect their Navigation. So soon did those People receive the Pretensions they had so strenuously asserted, and at length with so much Reluctance departed from in the late Treaty, on which occasion *Hugo Grotius* wrote his celebrated Treatise *de Mari Libero*, wherein, amongst his other Reasonings against the *Portuguese*, he endeavouring to prove the Sea to be wholly free and common, and incapable of private Dominion, it produced our learned *Selden's Mare Clausum*, which has so excellently refuted that part of his Argument.

The Truce with *Spain* expiring in 1621, the *Dutch* shortly after made an Expedition against the Enemy's Settlements in *Brazil*, where their Admiral *Vilikeus* took *St. Salvador*, and, in his Return home, falling in with some *Spanish* Ships, made himself Master of them, and brought them in with him to *Holland*; about which time also they struck up a League against the *Spaniards* with the Governments of *Tunis* and *Algier*, and some of their Ships, under *Leonard Frantz*, ravaged the Coasts of *Gallicia*, and carried off a rich Booty; while, in *India*, their People at *Amboina*, envying all Participation of Gain, contrived false Accusations against the *English* upon that Island, and exercised unheard-of Cruelties upon them. In 1628 the *East-India* Company sent out a Fleet under the *Sieur Carpenter*, who discovered those Coasts of *New Holland* (part of the *Terra Australis*) since called from him *Carpentaria*; while, in *America*, *Peter Adrian*, with twelve Ships, attacked the Isle of *Cuba*, where he drove several Ships ashore, and plundering the Coasts, went home with a considerable Booty: And the same Year *Peter Heys* took the Plate-Fleet on the Coasts of that Island, as we have before related, to whom, upon his Return to *Holland*, the States gave the Honour of Knighthood, made him an Admiral, and presented him with a Crown of Gold in form of a Laurel.

In 1630 the *Dutch* being attacked in *Ratavia* by the Emperor of *Java's* Fleet, and an Army of two hundred thousand Men, they forced him to raise the Siege; and in *America* they were so successful, that they reduced all the Coast of *Brazil* to their Obedience. The next Year the *Spaniards*, with a great Fleet of Gallies, and other Ships, endeavouring to cut off the Communication betwixt *Holland* and *Zerland*, were utterly defeated by Admiral *Hollar*, who took the whole Fleet, with near five thousand Men, only Count *John of Nassau*, who commanded it, escaping with a few Followers. In 1639 happened the Engagement between the *Spanish* Fleet under Don *Antonio de Oquendo*, and the *Dutch* Fleet under *Hersper Van Tromp* in the *Downs*, which we have already at large described; and the same Year their *India* Company possessed themselves of the Straights of *Malacca*, to the great Advancement of their Affairs in those Parts.

The *Portuguese* throwing off the *Spanish* Yoke in 1643, the *Dutch* made an Alliance with them, on condition each should retain their present Possessions; but the *Portuguese*, upon some old Pretences, in 1645, dispossessed them of *Brazil*. In 1648 was concluded the general Peace of *Munster*, wherein the King of *Spain* owned the *Dutch* as a Free and Sovereign People, and renounced for himself, and his Successors, all Pretences to Dominion over them: Which same Year they gained some Advantages in *Brazil*; but the Admiral who commanded there being obliged to return to *Europe*, for want of Soldiers and Ammunition, all was lost again, which almost ruined their *West-India* Company, but proved of great Benefit to them in the *East-Indies*, where, a War ensuing, which lasted till 1661, they took from the *Portuguese* almost all the Places they were possessed of in these Parts.

1643
Portuguese
1645
Dutch of Brazil.

The Portuguese
1648
Dutch of Brazil
A. D. 1651.

In 1651 the new Republick of *England*, tho' keeping up the Forms of Peace, could not help betraying some Signs of Resentment, and that they only waited the Conclusion of the War in *Scotland* to let them feel the Effects of them. Their principal Allegations against the *Dutch* were, their foremention'd Cruelties exercised on the *English* in *Amboina* in the Year 1622; their neglecting to punish the Persons concerned in the Assassination of Dr. *Dorisslaus*, their late Minister at the *Hague*; the Correspondence the *Dutch* Ambassadors in *England* had held with the King against the Parliament; and lastly, the great Losses and Injuries they had caused to the Subjects of *England* since the Year 1618, throughout the *East-Indies*, and in *Muscovy* and *Greenland*, the Reparation demanded for all which amounted to an immense Sum of Money. The *Dutch* dispatched an extraordinary Embassy into *England*, to endeavour to avert the Storm, but at the same time fitted out a Fleet of a hundred and fifty Sail. To take away all Umbrage on which account, their Ambassadors protested that Armament was made with no other View than to secure the Peace between the two Nations, by protecting their Trade, and keeping them from the Necessity of making Reparations: For, indeed, the *English* had some Months before taken all the *Dutch* Ships they could meet with, the Number of which (say the *Dutch* Writers) amounted to near two hundred. The Parliament could not be persuaded but their Preparations were designed with hostile Views against them, since the States had no Enemy at Sea, and therefore resolved to humble a Power which seemed ready to dispute with them our ancient and rightful Sovereignty of the Seas, and immediately gave Orders for fitting out a powerful Fleet, and the next Year the War began between them; the principal Circumstances whereof, (as well as of the subsequent *Dutch* Wars) I find already so succinctly put together by a late Writer, from the *Atlas Historique*, and *De La Neuville's* History of *Holland*, that I shall set most of them down from thence, only premising that they are related chiefly according to the Accounts the *Dutch* themselves have given of them.

Grounds of
the War, between
England and the
Dutch.

The Dutch
1651
1652
1653

This Year 1652, the *Dutch* Admiral *Van Tromp* put to Sea with the Fleet to convoy home some Merchant Ships, but had Orders to avoid

A. D. 1652

avoid engaging with the *English*, if possible, and to pay the usual Respect to their Flag, if he chanced to meet them in the Narrow Seas. He was forced by a Tempest upon the *English* Coast, but quitted it again as soon as possible, and made towards *Calais*; but being informed that the *English* were pursuing some Merchant Ships, he advanced to their Relief, and met *Blake* with the *English* Fleet, who had Orders (the *Dutch* say) to attack them. *Tromp* prepared to give the usual Honours to the *English* Flag, and ordered one of his Captains to go on board with a Complement to the *English* Admiral; but *Blake* having no Regard to these Marks of Submission, fired twice at *Tromp's* Ship, who made no Return till he received a third Shot, and then the Fight began, which lasted till Night parted them; and both Admirals sent an Account of the Action to their Principals, each excusing himself from being the Aggressor.

A Sea Fight
between the
English and
Dutch.

The *Dutch* Ambassadors, (who continued still in *England*;) had Audience, upon this Occasion, of the Parliament, to whom they made a Speech, and did what they could to renew a good Understanding between *England* and *Holland*, but in vain. They sent another Ambassador, who made Application to the Parliament and Council of State, but without Success; so that they all returned home, and an Engagement happened betwixt *De Ruyter*, and the *English* Admiral *Ascough*, who had the worst. The *English* had also the Disadvantage in an Engagement near *Leghorn*, betwixt Com-madore *Badiley* and the *Dutch* Commander *Van Galen*; but the *Dutch* were worsted in the Fight betwixt *Calais* and *Dover* under *De Ruyter* and *De Wit*, the *English* Fleet under *Blake* being much superior in Force. Another Engagement happened between *Tromp* and *Blake*, wherein the *English* were obliged to retire into the River *Thames*: But afterwards in another Fight betwixt the same Admirals, which lasted three Days, the *Dutch* were worsted; and *Van Galen* obtained an Advantage over the *English* in the Streights, but lost his Life in it.

The English
have the dis-
advantage at
Sea,

but
are after-
wards suc-
cessful.
The Dutch
and English
alternately
vanish.

A. D. 1653.

The *English* in 1653 inclined to a Peace, but were prevented by *Cromwell*, who dissolved the Parliament. That Year a bloody Battel was fought betwixt *Van Tromp* and the *English* Admirals *Dean* and *Monk*, wherein the *Dutch* were worsted, which occasioned Tumults in *Holland*: And the same Year in *August*, there was another bloody Engagement, wherein the *Dutch* were again defeated, and *Van Tromp* slain in the Action; who was buried with great State in *Holland*, and had a sumptuous Monument erected to his Honour at the publick Charge. This Victory was so great on the Side of the *English*, that the *Dutch* were glad next Year to accept of Peace, whereby they engaged to the Protector entirely to abandon the Interests of King *Charles II*, then in Exile, and to make a Declaration thereof in Form to the Kings of *Sweden* and *Denmark*, obliging themselves not to receive into their Dominions, or give Protection to any of the Enemies of the Commonwealth of *England*. They also renounced all Pretensions to Equality with the *English* at Sea, and agreed that all Ships of the United Provinces, as well those of War as Merchant Ships, meeting with any Ships,

A bloody Fight
between Van
Tromp and
Dean and
Monk.

Van Tromp
slain.

The Dutch
make Peace
with Oliver,
and agree to
swear to the
English, &c.

of War of the Commonwealth of *England*, within the *British Seas*, should strike their Flags, if they bore any, and lower their Top-Sails, in the same manner as had been practised in any former times, or under any former Government; engaging also to make Satisfaction for the Injuries done at *Amboyna*, and to do Justice on the Offenders, if any were yet living; and to make Restitution of several *English* Ships and Merchandizes seized by them in the Dominions of the King of *Denmark*, or pay the full Value thereof, on condition that Prince should be also comprehended in the Treaty: Besides which *Cromwell* imposed a yet harder Condition on them, whereby they were obliged to exclude the young Prince of *Orange*, because of his Relation to the Royal Family of *England*, from all publick Offices in the Commonwealth.

The Dutch obliged to exclude the young Prince of Orange.

1656. *The Dutch oblige the Kings of Sweden and Poland to make Peace.*

In 1656, the States, on account of their Trade, interposed in the Quarrel between *Charles Gustavus* King of *Sweden*, and *John Casimir* King of *Poland*, whom they brought to a Peace by the Treaty of *Elbing*, their Admiral *Obdam* overawing them both with his Fleet. The next Year Differences happened between the *French* and the *Dutch*, on account of some *French* Privateers which took their Ships, and disturbed their Commerce, of which the *Dutch* having long complain'd in vain, they took the Privateers, whereupon their Ships were seized in *France*, and the *Dutch* made Reprisals; but *Monseur de Thou* being sent into *Holland* by the Court of *France*, made up the Difference, and the Ships were releas'd on both Sides.

In 1658 the States concerned themselves in the War betwixt the *Danes* and *Swedes*, and deliver'd the King of *Denmark*, who was much streighten'd in *Copenhagen*, Admiral *Obdam*, by the Defeat of the *Swedish* Fleet, relieving that Capital, and entering it in a triumphant manner. And the following Year *de Ruyter*, sailing to the *Baltick*, and joining the *Danes*, again defeated the *Swedes* at the Battel of *Nyborg*: Soon after which a Peace was concluded in the North by the Mediation of *England* and *France*. In the mean time the *Dutch* were very successful in *India* against the *Portuguese*, but by their Negligence gave the *Chinese* an Opportunity to seize the Isle of *Formosa*, to the great Loss of their *East India* Company.

A. D. 1658.

The Dutch beat the Swedish Fleet and relieve the King of Denmark.

The Chinese take Formosa from the Dutch.

In 1664 an *English* Squadron, under Commadore *Holmes*, unexpectedly surprized several of the *Dutch* Forts on the Coasts of *Guinea*; but *De Ruyter* soon after retook them. They did all they could nevertheless to avoid a War with *England*, but in vain, so that they came to an open Rupture the next Year, the Duke of *York* and his prevailing Faction at Court refusing all the advantageous Offers made by them; whereupon they sent a Fleet to Sea under Admiral *Obdam*, and gave him positive, but imprudent Orders, to fight the *English*, let the Wind be how it would; which he being forced to obey, contrary to the Opinion of his Officers, it had a fatal Effect; for the *English* Fleet, commanded by the Duke of *York*, Prince *Rupert*, and the Earl of *Sandwich*, defeated them, burnt and sunk nineteen of their Ships of War, and killed them six

A. D. 1664.

A Rupture betwixt England and Holland.

The English take and burn several Dutch Ships.

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thousand Men, with the Loss only of four Ships, and fifteen hundred Men on our Side, but among them were Rear Admiral *Samson*, the Earls of *Marlborough* and *Falmouth*, the Lords *Portland* and *Fitzharding*, with fourteen other Persons of Note. Admiral *Obdam*, in the Beginning of the Action, attacked the Duke of *Tork*, sunk the three Yachts that attended him, and had almost disabled the Ship where he bore his Flag as High Admiral, but he was seasonably rescued by Vice-Admiral *Lawson* and Captain *Smith*, and *Obdam* being engaged with several other *English* Ships that had the Wind of him, he was blown up, either by an accidental Shot that enter'd his Powder-Room, or, as the *Dutch* say, by the Treachery of an *English* Gunner that served on board him. He was one of the ancient Nobility of *Holland*, and had a noble Monument erected by the States to his Memory.

Admiral Obdam blown up.

A. D. 1666.

De Ruyter succeeding him next Year in the Command at Sea, fought the *English* Fleet, under Prince *Rupert* and the Duke of *Albemarle*, for four Days; and though the *English* behaved themselves with their usual Gallantry, they lost (says the History of *Holland*) three and twenty great Ships and had six thousand Men killed (of which Number were Sir *William Berkeley*, Vice Admiral of the White, and Sir *Christopher Myngs*) besides two thousand six hundred taken; the *Dutch* losing six Capital Ships, two thousand eight hundred Soldiers and about fourscore Seamen, together with *Evertzen*, Admiral of *Zeeland*, *Vander Hulst* Vice-Admiral of *Amsterdam*, *Stackbover* Rear Admiral of *West Friesland*, and some other Officers, who were reckoned among the slain. However both sides attributing the Victory to themselves, publick Rejoicings were made for it as well at *London* as *Amsterdam*. In *August* the same Year another Engagement happened, wherein the *English* had the Advantage, for which *De Ruyter* blamed the Conduct of *Van Tromp*, who was thereupon discharged from his Employment, while *De Ruyter* himself acquired as much Glory by his Gallantry in the Fight, and brave Retreat, as if he had obtained the Victory: And, besides the Honours he received from the States, the *French* King, who was then their Ally, sent him the Collar of the Order of *St. Michael*, with a Gold Chain, and his Majesty's Picture set with Diamonds. Soon after this Engagement the States sent a Squadron to join thirty six *French* Ships in the Mediterranean, in order to destroy our Commerce there: And now a Treaty was set on foot by the Mediation of the Queen-Mother of *England*, which having no Effect, the *French* and *Dutch* made a Junction of their Fleets near *Dunkirk*, before whom our Fleet retired, with the Loss of one Ship of 50 Guns. Not long after this, twenty Men of War under Commodore *Holmes* made a Descent on the *Dutch* Coast near the *Vlie* and the *Texel*, where he burnt two Frigates, mis'd narrowly of destroying their *Russia* Fleet, and committed some other Hostilities, to countenance a Rebellion against the States raised by one *Hemskirk*, who revolted with some of their Ships under his Command, burnt about a hundred of their Merchant Men, and some Ships of War on the Stocks, but being pursued by a *Dutch* Squadron, he was killed in

The English have the worst of it in a Sea Fight.

The English beat De Ruyter and Van Tromp.

The English retire from the French and Dutch Fleets.

Commodore Holmes does mischief to the Dutch.

A. D. 1667.

the Engagement, several of his Ships taken, and the Men on board them executed in *Holland*, while the rest made their Escape to *England*.

In 1667 the *Dutch* made Proposals of Peace which were treated of at *Breda*: But while the *English* protracted the Negotiation, *De Ruyter* put to Sea, and anchoring in the *Thames* Mouth, sent seventeen of his lightest Ships, with four Barks, and four Fireships up to *Sheerness*, where they took the Fort, demolished the Fortifications, and burnt or carried off the Naval Stores laid up there. After this they went up the *Medway* to *Chatham*, where they met with little Resistance, except from a few *Scots* Men under Captain *Dowglas*, who was burnt on board one of the Ships of War as he bravely defended her; And before their Retreat they burnt six of our largest Ships, and took the Royal *Charles*, with a Frigate of forty four Guns; which hasten'd the Conclusion of the Peace to the Advantage of the *Dutch*; who presented their Commanders *De Ruyter*, *De Wit*, and *Van Ghent*, with a Gold Cup each, on which was engraven the Action of *Chatham* to perpetuate in their Families the Memory of this Enterprize.

A. D. 1667.
De Ruyter burns and takes some English ships in the River Medway.

This Dishonour to *England* is chiefly to be ascribed to the underhand dealing of the *French*, who incited the *Dutch* to it during the Treaty, as being their Interest to foment Divisions betwixt the two Protestant maritime Powers, in order to destroy them both. However it did not interrupt the Negotiations at *Breda*, where a Peace was concluded between the *English* and *Dutch* Ministers in *July* 1667; two Years after which the States solicited the Triple Alliance betwixt *England*, *Sweden*, and themselves, against the formidable Power of *France*, which ruined the *French* King's Measures at that time, but so highly provoked him, that he found means to break the said Alliance, and to engage *England* with him in a War against *Holland*. This the *Dutch* used all Endeavours to prevent, but in vain; for the *French* King, by the Interview at *Dover* betwixt King *Charles* II, and his Sister the Duchess of *Orleans*, had firmly riveted that Prince in his Interest: So that tho' he endeavoured to persuade the *Dutch*, by his Ambassador Sir *George Downing*, that he would faithfully adhere to the Triple Alliance, he at the same time prepared his Fleet to attack them by Sea, and sent Forces into *France*, under the Conduct of the Duke of *Moumouth*, and soon after, without any Declaration of War, ordered *Commodore Holmes* to attack their *Smyrna* Fleet in their Return home, off of the Isle of *Wight*; which he did, and took some of them after two Days Fight, wherein the *Dutch* made a brave Defence. Soon after which the King caused four of their *East-India* Ships to be seized in their Return from *Batavia*, and all their other Vessels in his Harbours: And in *April* following published his Declaration of War against them, grounded on their Infractions of the Treaty of *Breda*, their Disturbance of our Commerce in the *Indies*, the Injuries done to our Colony at *Surinam*, and there affronting the King's Person by infamous Medals and Pictures, and burning his Effigies in *Persia*, as they had indeed done in the most insolent manner.

Treachery of the French.

1667.
The Peace of Breda.

England and France war against Holland.

1671.
Dutch ships seized.

The English declare War against the Dutch.

May 28 1672.
De Ruyter
attacks the
English and
French in
Southwold
Bay.

The ensuing Summer *De Ruyter* attacked the *English* and *French* Fleets in *Southwold* Bay under the Command of the Duke of *York*, and as the Battel was fierce, and maintain'd with great Bravery on both Sides, so was it almost with equal Advantage; tho' each attributed the Victory to themselves, and made publick Rejoycings accordingly. The Loss of Men was computed to be near the same, but the *English*, besides their Vice-Admiral the Earl of *Sandwich*, lost four Ships and the *French* two, whereas the *Dutch* lost but three. The next Year the *Dutch* under *Van Tromp* had another Engagement with the *English*, commanded by Prince *Rupert*, near *Dengeness*, in which both pretended to the Victory; but the two latter losing most Ships, the *Dutch* made Rejoycings in *Holland*, and ordered a Day of Thanksgiving for their Advantage. In *July* after there was another bloody Engagement betwixt the Fleets, while the *English* prepared for a new Descent upon *Holland*, but after a sharp Engagement they both retired, without claiming Victory, and the Descent miscarried. And now the Parliament and People of *England* growing weary of the War with the *Dutch*, and uneasy at the Progress of the *French* in the *Netherlands*, King *Charles* was put under a Necessity of coming to a Peace, than which the *Dutch* at the same time desiring nothing more, it was accordingly concluded in *February* 1674

1673.
Tromp fights
the English
and French.
Another En-
gagement.

1674.
Peace between
England and
Holland.

1675.

The next Year the States, upon Hopes of a Revolt on the Coasts of *Normandy*, set out a Fleet under *De Ruyter* and *Van Tromp*; but their Design was discovered, and that, as some supposed, by the King of *Great Britain*, for which the *Chevalier de Roan* was be-headed, and some others executed in *France*; but *Tromp* returning from the Coasts of *France*, defeated the *Swedish* Fleet, and forced them to retire into their own Harbours, which was done in pursuance of the League the States had made with some Princes of the Empire against the *Swedes*, who had invaded the Elector of *Brandenburg's* Dominions. In 1676 the Treaty of *Nimeguen* was set on foot for a Peace between the *French* and *Dutch*, and the other Parties then at War, by the Mediation of King *Charles*, but then without effect; which same Year *De Ruyter* being sent to Sea against his Will, because he judged their Fleet was not of sufficient Strength, he had two Engagements on the Coast of *Sicily* with the *French*, and lost his Life by a Wound.

Tromp de-
feats the Swe-
dish Fleet.

A. D. 1676.
Treaty at Ni-
meguen
without suc-
cess.

De Ruyter
defeats the
French, and
is slain.

1679.
Dutch make
Peace with
the Algerines.
A. D. 1681.

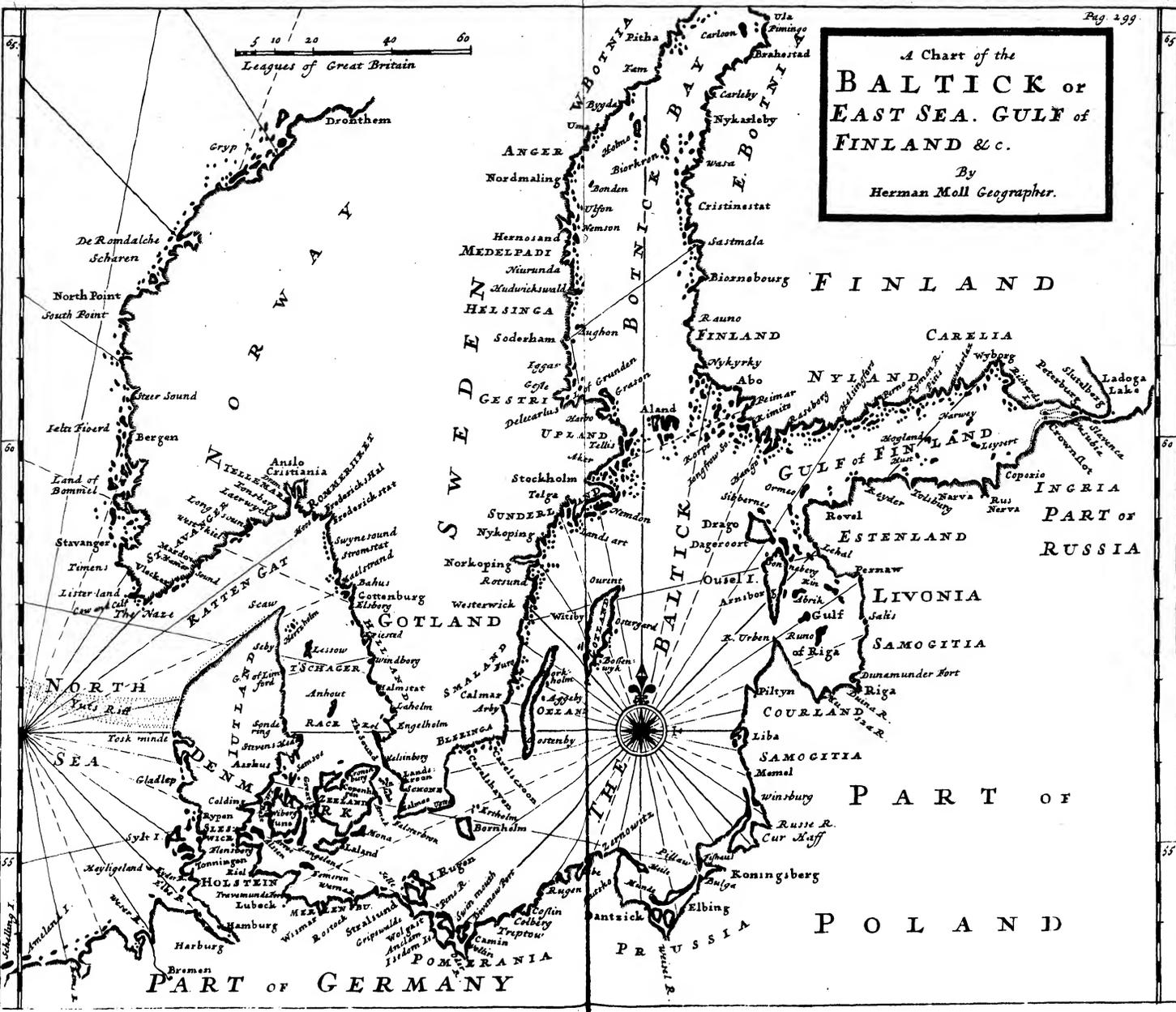
In 1679, the States came to a Peace with the *Algerines*, who had for some time molested their Trade in the Mediterranean; but they were forced, as a Preliminary to their Treaty, to make the *Barbarians* a Present of eight Pieces of Brass Ordnance, with a considerable Quantity of Powder and Ball. In 1681, the *Dutch East-India* Company reduced their Tributary the King of *Ternate*, in the *East Indies*, for taking Part with the King of *Bantam*, whom they brought to their own Terms.

1685.
King Charles
II.

King *Charles* II. dying in 1685, was succeeded by his Brother the late King *James*, who (says the History of *Holland*) tho' he had the greatest Reason to be satisfied with the States General, yet from the Moment he ascended the Throne, he betrayed Signs of his

Disaf-

A Chart of the
BALTICK or EAST SEA. GULF of FINLAND &c.
 By
 Herman Moll Geographer.



Disaffection to them, of which the next Year he gave manifest Proofs, by countenancing the *Algerines*, who were now again at War with the *Dutch*; for permitting them for some time to make use of his Ports, and sell their Prizes in *England*, they thereby had Opportunities, as they pleased, to go out and cruise against the *Dutch*, and in six Months Time took, in or near the Chanel, above thirty rich Merchant Ships from them. The same Year a Squadron of *French* Ships under the Duke de *Mortemar* took a *Dutch* Man of War upon the Coast of *Portugal*, but that matter was presently compromised and the Ship restored.

King James permits the Algerines to make use of his Ports.

Soon after this King *James* making those open Attempts upon the Constitution of this Kingdom, which at length occasioned an Invitation from the Principal Nobility and Gentry to the Prince of *Orange* to concern himself for the Preservation of their Religion and Liberties, his Highness communicated the same to the States General, who came to a Resolution of supporting him in that Undertaking with a Fleet and Army, soon after which ensued that happy Revolution in *England*, which set his late Majesty (of Glorious Memory) upon the Throne: Since which time the principal Naval Transactions of the *Dutch* having been in Conjunction with those of our own Nation, in the two last Wars with *France*, they will be accounted for in the fourth and fifth Books of this History; and therefore we proceed, according to our proposed Method, to the Naval Wars of the *Swedes*.

The Prince of Orange invited to England.

and The Dutch determine to support him.

CHAP. XI.

Of the Naval Wars of the Swedes.

TACITUS in his Account of *Germany*, speaking of the *Swedes*, by the Name of *Suiones*, says they were potent not only in Men, but also in Shipping, and that the Form of their Vessels differed from those of the *Romans*, in that each End of them was shaped as a Prow, to avoid the Inconvenience of turning, and were navigated without Sails; nor were the Oars placed in Order in their Sides, like those of the *Romans*, but so as that they might be changed, as Occasion should serve, from one Part of the Vessel to another. *Wolfgang Lazius*, a good Collector of Antiquities, takes notice of several Migrations of these People, and tells us that a Number of them served in the Wars under *Alexander* the Great, that many were in the *Prætorian* Guards to the *Roman* Emperors, and that several Bodies of them settled on the Rivers *Weissel* and *Elbe*, on the *Rhine* and the *Danube*, and in *Bohemia*, *Hungary*, *Suabia*, and other Parts of *Germany*. But these *Swedes* (if we may so call them) who made such distant Excursions, are better known under the Name of *Goths*, of whose Naval Affairs, when they came to make a Figure in the World, we have already given an Account.

The ancient Form of the Swedish Vessels.

In the mean time the great Stock from whence these numerous Branches sprang, flourished within the Confines of the present *Sweden*, where, about the Time of Christ, reigned *Sigetrugus*, the third from *Woden*, from whom descended a long Race of Kings of *Sweden* and *Norway*; after which, with various Change of Fortune, the *Danes* were reduced to submit to them, and sometimes the *Swedes* to the *Danes*. In these Times we rarely meet with any Naval Wars of theirs, and those they had were only with Pirates who infested the Seas; against a Body of whom King *Haldanus II.* going out with a Fleet, he slew their Leader, and cleared the Seas of them for some time. He was succeeded by *Ungrinus*, and he by *Regnaldus*, in whose Time a Lady of the Royal Family, changing the Habit of her Sex for that of Men, put to Sea, and practised Piracy, with a Resolution and Courage more than Masculine. Nor in these Times was that Trade looked upon as dishonourable, for the Kings themselves, and the Princes their Sons, would frequently attempt to possess themselves of what they met with on the Sea, reckoning all fair Prize on that doubtful Element, whether belonging to Friend or Enemy.

The Danes and Swedes alternately submit to each other.

A Swedish Lady commits Piracies.

A. D. 387. A fierce War between the Kings of Sweden and Denmark.

About the Year 387 was waged a fierce Naval War between *Hacquin Ringo*, King of *Sweden*, and *Harold*, King of *Denmark*, for which they were seven Years making Preparations of Ships, Arms, and Auxiliaries on either side. The *Dane* was assisted by the *Vandals*, *Angles*, *Frisons*, and *Saxons*; as was the *Swede* by the *Norwegians*, *Livonians*, *Carelians*, and *Ingrians*: And on both sides were many Women trained to War, who not only served among the common Seamen and Soldiers, but were also many of them at the Head of Squadrons. The two Fleets were so numerous that they covered the whole Length of the Streight between *Zee-land* and *Schonen*: where engaging, a long and bloody Battel was fought, with various Success, sometimes one giving way, and sometimes the other, till at length the Death of the *Danish* King confirmed the Victory to the *Swedes*; who because of the signal Service performed in the Engagement by *Hetha*, one of the warlike Ladies, appointed her, in reward thereof, and at the same time to disgrace the *Danes*, to rule them as Queen; but they refused to submit to her Authority, and yielded themselves to *Olo*, Son of the King of *Norway*, to whom *Ringo* had lately given *Schonen*. After a Succession of several Princes, *Regnerus*, King of *Denmark*, having killed *Charles* King of *Sweden* in a single Combat, and possessed himself of that Kingdom, he bestowed it on his Son *Biorne*, as he did *Norway* on his Son *Eric*, which latter (say the *Swedish* Historians) reduced the *Orkney* Islands, and defeated the King of *Scotland* in an Engagement on the Coast of that Kingdom.

The Swedes overcome the Danish Fleet.

The Danes possess themselves of Sweden.

Sweden sends to the Duke of Mecklenbergh. 1363.

After various Revolutions during a considerable Length of Time, the Crown of *Sweden* came to *Albert* Duke of *Mecklenbergh*, who, by several Acts of Tyranny, having drawn upon himself the Hatred of his Subjects, they applied to *Margaret*, Queen of *Denmark* and *Norway*, for Assistance, and offered her the Crown, on condition she would expel *Albert*: And she accordingly entering *Sweden* with

with an Army, gave him Battel, and entirely defeated him, taking the King and his Son Prisoners. Notwithstanding which great Victory, there ensued the Calamities of a Naval War; for the Duke of *Mecklenbergh*, the Earl of *Holftein*, and the *Hans Towns*, engaging in the Quarrel of *Albert*, sent continual Supplies by Sea to *Stockholm*, *Calmar*, and other Ports of *Sweden* yet held by *Albert*; whose Party being also furnished with a Fleet from the same Powers, ravaged all the Sea-Coasts, and so infested the *Baltick*, that they put an end to all Trade and Commerce in those Parts. After this destructive War had continued seven Years, a Treaty was set on foot between the contending Parties, and at length concluded, whereby it was agreed that *Albert*, with his Son, should be set at liberty, and within three Years make a formal Renunciation of all Right or Title to the Crown of *Sweden*, or else surrender himself Prisoner again; and that, in case of Failure of Performance, the Cities of *Lubeck*, *Hamburg*, and the other *Hans Towns* should pay the Queen sixty thousand Marks of Silver.

Margaret, Queen of Denmark dispossesses the Duke of Mecklenbergh.

Matters being thus settled, *Margaret* appointed her Nephew, *Henry Duke of Pomerania*, her Successor, causing him to change his Name to that of *Eric*, that so he might be the more acceptable to the *Swedish Nation*. He was succeeded by his Nephew *Christopher Duke of Bavaria*, and Count *Palatine of the Rhine*; and he by *Charles Cnutefone*, Marshal of *Sweden*, whose Successor was *John*, the Son of *Christian I*, King of *Denmark*, after whom reigned his Son *Christian II*, surnamed the Tyrant. His Behaviour being suitable to that Title, *Gustavus Ericson*, descended from the ancient Kings of *Sweden*, was set up by the People against him, who every where forcing the *Danes* to fly before him, at length possessed himself of the City of *Stockholm*, by help of a Fleet which the *Lubeckers* sent to his Assistance, and soon after was solemnly crowned at *Upsal*.

Eric appointed by Margaret to the Crown of Sweden.
1396.

1441.

The Successors of Eric.

1520.

Gustavus Ericson crowned King of Sweden.

After quelling several Commotions in East and West *Gothland*, a new War was raised against him by the *Lubeckers*, who, in consideration of their former Services, having desired a Monopoly of the Trade to the Northern Coasts of his Kingdoms, and being denied so unreasonable a Request, demanded the Payment of some Monies due to them on an old Account, received into their Protection several Exiles which favoured *Christian's* Party, and putting a strong Fleet and Army under the Conduct of *John Earl of Hoya*, (*Gustavus's* Brother-in-law, but his mortal Enemy) designed nothing less than the Conquest of the Northern Kingdoms: To which purpose also they fomented a Sedition in the City of *Stockholm*, and endeavoured to prevail with a Body of the Citizens to cut off their King, promising to make that Place one of the *Hans Towns*. And after *Frederick* the King of *Denmark's* Death, and the Confusion which ensued thereupon, they persuaded also many of the Citizens of *Copenhagen* and *Malmoe* to join in their League, so that their Party being now very numerous, they obtained several very considerable Advantages at Sea; but the *Danes* having chosen *Christian III.* for their King, and *Gustavus* supplying them with Money, and

joining

The Fleet of the Lubeckers and their Adherents destroyed.

A. D. 1540.

joining his Ships and Forces with them, they came to an Engagement with the Enemy in the *Sound*, and utterly destroyed their whole Fleet. It was this *Gustavus*, who, *Olaus Magnus* tells us, had, about the Year 1540, Gallies built in the *Baltick* by some *Venetian* Shipwrights, with design to reduce the Pirates of *Estland*, and *Muscovy*, who infested the Trade on the Gulph of *Finland*. He also built a Ship of such Force (says the same Author) as to carry a thousand fighting Men, and three hundred Sailors. He was succeeded by his eldest Son *Eric*, who had a Naval War with the *Danes* and *Lubeckers*, which was long waged with various Success on both sides, but at length concluded with Disadvantage to the *Swedes*. This Prince being deposed for his Male-Administration, his Brother *John* was appointed his Successor, who was succeeded by his Son *Sigismund*, King of *Poland*, and he by his Uncle *Charles IX*, the Father of *Gustaphus Adolphus*.

Eric the Son of Gustavus deposed.

A. D. 1611.

Gustavus Adolphus in War with the Poles, Russians, and Danes.

The Danes beat the Swedish Fleet.

On *Gustavus's* Accession to the Throne, in 1611, he became engaged in War with the *Poles*, *Russians*, and *Danes*. The latter he attempted first, and with good Success by Land, but at Sea the *Danes* had the better, because the *Swedish* Fleet was ill provided, and they took *Calmar*, a Sea-Port Town of great Importance: So that *Gustavus* was forced to clap up a Peace with them on disadvantageous Terms, to be the more at liberty to prosecute the War with *Poland*, whither he sailed with a Fleet of eighty Ships, and six and twenty thousand Land-Forces, and landing at *Pillaw*, marched into *Polish Prussia*, where he took *Braunsberg*, and *Frawenberg*, with *Elbing*, *Marienbourg*, and most of the other Cities of that Province, and then laid siege to *Dantzick*; which Successes so alarmed *Sigismund*, King of *Poland*, that a Treaty of Peace was presently set on foot, and near concluded, when the Emperor engaging to assist the *Poles* with four and twenty Ships, and twelve thousand Men, the Negotiation was broke off; and the *Swedes* and *Danes* join'd in ruining the *Polish* Fleet, as unwilling to suffer a third Naval Strength to rise in the *Baltick*; and well would it have been for them had they pursued the same Politicks in these latter Times, and united to crush in its Infancy that maritime Power there, which seems in a fair way, in time, to swallow them both up.

The Swedes take Places from the King of Poland.

The Emperor engages to assist the Poles.

The Swedes and Danes ruin the Polish Fleet.

The Danes and Swedes fight before Dantzick.

Gustavus continuing before *Dantzick*, took three Ships belonging to that Place, and sunk one; but being repulsed in an Attack he made upon the Fort, he blocked up the Harbour with a Squadron of eight Ships, which the *Poles* attacked with another of ten, and with such Success, that they killed the *Swedish* Admiral, took his Ship, and obliged the Vice-Admiral to blow up his; but the *Poles* also lost their Admiral, and four hundred Men in the Engagement. Not long after this, *Gustavus* being called into *Germany* by the Protestants, to aid them against the formidable Power of the Emperor, he over-ran the greatest part of that Country, and having obtained several glorious Victories, was at length slain in the Battel of *Lutzen*. He was succeeded by his Daughter *Christina*, then but six Years of Age, and the Management of the War was committed to Count *Oxenstiern*, Chancellor of *Sweden*, who main-

Gustavus Adolphus slain in Germany.

tained

tained their Affairs very well in *Germany*; but while they were wholly taken up in that Country, the *Danes* attacked them at home, against whom *Leonard Torstenjohn* was sent, who took great part of *Holfstein* from them, and beat their Troops in *Jutland* and *Schonen*: And in an Engagement at Sea the *Danish* Fleet was defeated, the greatest part whereof was either taken or sunk. The *Swedes* also made themselves Masters of the Bishoprick of *Bremen* and Island of *Bornholm*, insomuch that the *Danes* were obliged to agree to a disadvantageous Peace at *Bromesbro*, by the Mediation of *France* and *Holland*, whereby they gave up several Places of *Norway* to the *Swedes* for ever, together with the Isles of *Gothland* and *Oesfel*: Nay the *Swedes* might have had yet better Terms, but that there was a *Dutch* Fleet in the *Sound* of eight and forty Ships of War, on whose Friendship they could not entirely depend. After this *Torstenjohn* carried his victorious Arms again into the Heart of *Germany*, and penetrated into *Moravia*, and *Austria*, and had gone yet farther, but that he was deserted by *Prince Ragotzki*, who made a separate Peace with the Emperor. In 1648 the Peace of *Westphalia* was concluded, whereby the *Swedes* had yielded to them the Bishopricks of *Bremen* and *Ferden*, which were erected into Duchies, together with *Upper Pomerania*, and part of the *Lower*, with the Isle of *Rugen*, and the City of *Wismar*.

The Danes acquire of a disadvantageous Peace.

A. D. 1648. The Peace of Westphalia concluded.

Queen *Christina*, in 1654, surrendered the Crown to her Kinsman *Charles Gustavus*, who, in 1656, being recalled from the Prosecution of a War in *Poland*, to defend the Territories of *Sweden*, then attacked by the *Danes*, not only recovered all the Places they had taken in *Bremen* and *Holfstein*, but marched over the Ice to the Island *Fuhnen*, thence to other Islands, and at last to *Zeeland*, and brought the King of *Denmark* to such Straits, that he was obliged to clap up a Peace at *Roschild*, by which he resigned to King *Charles* the Provinces of *Halland*, *Schonen*, and *Bleking*, with the Island *Bornholm*, and the Governments of *Babus* and *Drontheim* in *Norway*. But this Peace proved of no long Duration, for the *Swedes* embarking a Body of Troops, which they gave out were designed for *Dantzick*, landed again in *Zeeland*, and King *Charles* besieged *Copenhagen*, while his Admiral *Wrangel* reduced the Castle of *Cronenburg*. The States of *Holland* interressing themselves in this Quarrel, espoused the Cause of the *Danes* against the *Swedes*, which latter were favoured by *England* and *France*. The King of *Denmark* made a brave Defence in *Copenhagen* against the Attacks of the *Swedes*, when at length the *Dutch* Fleet designed for his Relief, (which consisted of thirty seven Ships of War, with some Frigates, and six Fireships, with five thousand Seamen, and four thousand Landmen on board) setting sail from the *Texel*, arrived in a short time at the Entrance of the *Sound*. Thither the King of *Sweden* had before sent his Fleet, under the Command of Admiral *Wrangel*, who lay ready to receive the Enemy with eighteen great Ships from eighty to a hundred Guns, sixteen of a smaller Force, and fourteen Frigates, which were well manned, and had on board a considerable Number of *English* Seamen. The *Dutch*, on their near Approach,

A. D. 1654. Queen Christina surrenders the Crown of Sweden.

King of Denmark forced again to make Peace.

The Dutch assist the Danes.

A Battel at
Sea between
the Swedes
and the
Dutch, and
the former
beaten.

proach, put themselves in order of Battel, *Witte Wutzen*, the first Vice Admiral, being in the Van, Admiral *Opdam* in the Centre, and *Peter Floris*, the second Vice-Admiral, in the Rear. *Witte* was first received with the whole Fire of the *Swedish* Admiral, who attempting to clap him on board, and grapple him to his own Ship, met with so warm a Reception, that he sheer'd off to undertake *Opdam*, who fired with such Fury upon him, that he was forced to retire under the Protection of the Castle of *Cronenburg*. In the mean time Vice-Admiral *Witte* having been forced to quit the Line of Battel in the Heat of his Engagement with *Wrangel*, was attacked by two large *Swedish* Ships, against which he defended himself with great Bravery for two Hours, without receiving any Assistance from his own Squadron, and at length sunk them both by his side, but his own Ship had the same Fate soon after, and he himself was carried ashore to *Elfsuore* mortally wounded with two Musket-Balls. Admiral *Opdam* was surrounded with seven *Swedish* Ships, and bravely defended himself singly against them for some time, till he was at length disengag'd by two *Dutch* Captains, who came in to his Assistance, when he had just sunk the *Swedish* Vice-Admiral *Wrangel*, the Son of the Admiral, who chose rather to perish in the Sea, than owe his Life to the *Dutch*. The King of *Sweden* had ordered his Officers to make their principal Efforts against the Flag-Ships of the Enemies; so that after *Witte*, it fell to *Floris*, the other Vice-Admiral's Share to sustain the most vigorous Attacks of the *Swedes*, which he did with great Bravery, and made a prodigious Slaughter among them before he received his Death's Wound. The Engagement lasted four Hours amidst the Fire of three thousand Pieces of Cannon, when at length the Loss of so many Ships and Men made the Courage and Firmness of the *Swedes* begin to give way, and the Victory, which had continued long doubtful, appeared in favour of the *Dutch*, who lost in this bloody Action only one Ship, which was that of Vice Admiral *Witte*, but the *Swedes*, according to their Enemy's Account, lost fourteen, ten of which were burnt or sunk, and the other four carried into *Copenhagen*, whither the *Dutch* sailed triumphantly with their Succours for his *Danish* Majesty, who was then hard press'd with the Siege. This obliged the King of *Sweden* to turn it into a Blockade, which he continued for many Months, but was at length forced by the *Dutch* to rise from before it, and abandon all his Conquests in *Denmark*, who landing the Troops they had on board in the Isle of *Fuhnen*, gave the *Swedes* a total Overthrow there.

The Swedes
lost ten
thousand
men.

This Loss was so afflicting to King *Charles*, that it threw him into a Distemper, of which he died in the Flower of his Age, leaving his Son, an Infant of the same Name, to succeed him in the Throne. Hereupon a Peace was concluded with the *Danes* near *Copenhagen*; but another War ensued shortly after, wherein the greatest part of the *Swedish* Fleet was shipwrecked on the Coast of *Bornholm*, and they had many other Losses at Sea. To this War the Peace of *Nimeguen* put an end, and restored the *Swedes* to the Possession of their Dominions in *Germany*, and of all the Places the

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Danes had taken from them; after which the King of *Sweden* applied himself to repair the Damage his Country had sustained during the Wars, and procured that great Revolution there in favour of the Kingly Prerogative, which, of a limited Monarch, made him a very absolute one; and at length dying in 1697, he was succeeded by his Son *Charles XII*, the present King. An Alliance being enter'd into against him by *Denmark, Muscovy, and Poland*, he sided with the Duke of *Holstein* against the *Danes*, and next Year the *English* and *Dutch* Fleets coming into the *Sound*, declared in his Favour, and, joining the *Swedish* Fleet, assisted in a Descent upon *Zeeland*, where the *Swedes* landing an Army, obliged the King of *Denmark* to come to an Accommodation by the Peace of *Travendahl*. Since which there having happened nothing remarkable to our purpose, I go on to the Naval Wars of *Denmark*.

A. D. 1697.

A. D. 1700.

The Peace of Travendahl.

CHAP. XII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Danes.

THE *Danish* Historians pretend to give very particular Accounts of the Affairs of their own Nation, for many Ages before the Birth of Christ; but those Narrations are looked upon by all the Learned as fabulous; nor is more Credit, perhaps, to be given to their History for some Centuries after that Period of Time. Cotemporary with our Saviour, according to them, was their King *Frotho III*, who enjoyed a long and peaceable Reign over his large Dominions, consisting (say they) not only of *Denmark, Sweden, and Norway*, but also great part of *Germany*, together with *England and Ireland*, and all the neighbouring Islands, which they pretend to have been conquered by their Kings many Ages before this Prince. After his Death *England and Norway* made Attempts to recover their Liberty, and their Pirates infesting the Coasts of *Denmark*, *Frotho IV*. sent out one *Stercather* against them with a considerable Fleet, who entirely cleared the Sea of them, and restored the Freedom of Navigation, not claiming it (says *Meursius*, with a Glance at our Sea-Dominion) as the Propriety of his Master, but making it common to all peaceable Navigators and Traders. After this *Haldan II*, another of their Kings, is said to have repressed the Piracies of *Amund*, the Son of the King of *Norway*, who scoured the Sea with a strong Force. *Harold III*. appointing *Obbo Frisus* Commander in Chief of his Fleet, he is said to have defeated a King of *Britain* in a Sea-Fight, to have ravaged the Coasts of *Aquitaine*, and commanded all at Sea from the River *Garonne* to the Coasts of *Denmark*.

About the Antiquity of the Danes.

About the Year 800, *Sigefrid* then reigning in *Denmark*, the *Danes* made an Expedition to *England*, which, more agreeably to the Truth of History than what is before related from their Writers,

800. The Danes make an Expedition to England.

was the first of their Attempts upon our Nation, in which they committed great Spoil in *Devonshire*, and the Parts adjacent: After which, invited by the fertile Soil, and temperate Climate, they made frequent Visits to it, and at length King *Sueno*, or *Swane*, as our Historians call him, reduced great part of the Country to his Obedience, and under *Canutus*, or *Knute*, his Son, the whole Kingdom was subdued, who leaving it to his eldest Son *Harold*, he was succeeded by *Hardiknute*, the last of the *Danish* Kings in *England*.

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quers it.

The beforementioned *Sueno* appointed one *Wetbeman* his supreme Officer at Sea against the Piracies of the *Vandals*, (by which Name in those Times were known all the People of *Germany* North of the *Elbe*, as well on the Ocean, as along the Coasts of the *Baltick* Sea) which Officer had Orders to take all Ships whatsoever which he could meet with, upon that Service, whether the Owners consented or not, only engaging each should have their Share of the Booty which might be taken. By this means a numerous Fleet being gotten together, he cleared the Sea of the Pirates, taking eighty seven of their Ships, and dispersing the rest to distant Countries. The *Vandals*, enraged at these Proceedings, made Inroads into *Denmark*, but *Sueno* well provided to give them a warm Reception, strengthening his Towns and Sea-Ports with Garrisons, and ordered Beacons to be fired by Night, and Smoak to be made by Day to give Notice of their Approach, and alarm the Country against them. He also threw up a Trench from *Steswick* to the Sea, to prevent their IncurSIONS, which *Waldemar* afterwards fortified with a strong Wall.

The Danes
overcome the
Vandals at
Sea.

This *Waldemar* putting to Sea with a strong Fleet, having on board a Body of Troops, sailed over to the River *Warna*, where disembarking his Troops, he besieged *Rosstock* by Sea and Land, and soon carried it; after which, in a Sea-Fight near *Stralfund*, he defeated the People of *Rugen*, and made himself Master of that Island, and at length annexed the whole Country of *Vandalia* to his Dominions; while his Fleet, in the mean time, under the Command of one *Esberne*, ruining the Pirates of *Esthonia* and *Courland*, restored the Freedom of Navigation throughout the *Baltick*. Which extraordinary Success of his Arms acquired him the Title of *Waldemar* the Great. His Son *Canute*, refusing to pay Homage to the Emperor of *Germany*, who pretended a Right of Sovereignty to his Dominions, he was by him dispossessed of the Isle of *Rugen*; but *Christopher* II. some time after recovered it again.

The Danes
take the Island
of Rugen, &c.

1180.

The Danes
dispossessed of
Rugen, but
recover it.

Under *Eric* VI. the *Danes* defeated at Sea two great Fleets of the *Vandals*, taking thirty Sail of Ships, with a great Booty on board them. About which time *Gerard*, Duke of *Holstein*, (a part of *Vandalia*) fitted out a considerable Fleet against the *Danes*, which he caused to rendezvous in the Port of *Wismar*, from whence he set sail for *Copenhagen*, with design to attack the Citadel of that Place, and arriving before it, he laid Stages from one Ship to another, that so his Men might fight as on firm Ground, and sunk some Ships in the Entrance of the Port to block up the Passage; but the *Danes* cutting their Cables, the Stages were presently torn asunder, which

The Vandals
and Holstein-
eis beaten by
the Danes.

which produced such a Confusion and Disorder among the *Holsteiners*, that most of them were cut off, or fell into the Hands of the *Danes*.

Under *Waldemar III*, who came to the Crown in 1340, the *Danes* had a War at Sea with the *Hans Towns*, which was carried on for a considerable Time with various Success on both sides, but at length ended to the Advantage of the *Danes*: Since which what Naval Wars they have been engaged in having been with the *Swedes*, for whom we have already accounted, our proposed Method next brings us to those of *Muscovy*.

1340.
The Danes
have the bet-
ter of the Hans
Towns at Sea.

C H A P. XIII.

Of the Naval Wars of the Muscovites, and of the Turks.

THE maritime Power of the *Muscovites* is of so late a Date, that it may be rather said to be likely to be very fruitful in Events, than to furnish any for this; so that we can add little more to what we have said of them in the first Book, than that the *Czar* seems no less intent on procuring to himself a Naval Force upon the Black Sea, than in the *Baltick*; having, after the taking of *Asoph* from the *Turks*, ordered a good Harbour to be made there, and a Fleet to be built of eighty Gallies, and a hundred and fifty Brigantines; and, to open a new Course of Trade in those Parts, he has caused a Canal to be cut from the *Volga* (which disembogues itself in the *Caspian Sea*) to the River *Don*, which falls into the *Palus Maotis* at *Asoph*. Indeed the taking of that important Place from the *Turks* was the Consequence of a Naval Victory; for, being maintained by a Garrison of ten thousand Men, the *Czar* had for some time besieged it with a hundred thousand Foot, and twenty thousand Horse; but having then no Shipping, the *Turks* threw in Supplies as they pleased, so that he was at length obliged to raise the Siege; but resolving to repair that Disgrace, he made greater Preparations of Artillery and Bombs than before, and provided a Number of large Gallies, some of them a hundred Feet in Length, with which engaging the *Turks* in Person, he took or sunk all the *Saiques* laden with Supplies and Provisions, and utterly defeated their whole Fleet; whereupon the Garrison in the Town immediately came to a Capitulation. Having thus briefly dismiss'd the *Muscovites*, the *Turkish* Naval Wars are what next claim our Consideration.

The Muscovites take Asoph, and build a Fleet.

Of the Naval Wars of the Turks.

THOSE People having continued for many Ages among their native Mountains of *Scythia*, and after their leaving those Habitations, and raising themselves to a considerable Power, their Seat of Empire having been for a long time chiefly in the Inland Parts of *Asia*, their History affords few or no Materials for our purpose, till *Mahomet I.* took the City of *Constantinople*, in 1453; after which time they became Masters of numerous and potent Fleets. The taking of that Place was soon follow'd by the Destruction of the Empire of *Trebizonde*, which City, after several Naval Skirmishes before it upon the *Euxine Sea*, was reduced to their Obedience. After which, with their Fleet, they took the Isle of *Metelino*, in the *Archipelago*, and transplanted the Inhabitants to *Constantinople*. Then having reduced *Negroponte*, *Mahomet* made a great Progress by Land, and enter'd *Stiria* and *Carinthia*, two Frontier Provinces of *Germany*, where carrying all before him, he thence penetrated into *Italy*, and gave the *Venetians* a signal Defeat at the River *Soutius*, which, not without Reason, struck a universal Terror through the rest of *Italy*; for his Fleet having already reduced *Otranto*, he had certainly marched to *Rome*, had not his Death shortly after prevented.

He was succeeded by his eldest Son *Bajazet II.*, who took *Lepanto* and *Durazzo* from the *Venetians*, and defeated them in a Sea-Fight before *Modon*, which Place, with *Coron* and *Navarino*, fell at the same time into his Hands. His Son, *Selim I.*, having defeated the *Persians*, carried his Arms into *Aegypt*, where having broke the Power of the *Mamalukes* in several Battels, the whole Country submitted to his Obedience. His Son and Successor *Solyman*, surnamed the *Magnificent*, with a great Fleet, and a numerous Army, attacked the Island and City of *Rhodes*, which, after a brave Defence by the Knights of *St. John of Jerusalem*, who then had their Residence there, was surrendered to him, and they removed thence to *Malta*. After which *Solyman* had *Tunis* reduced to his Obedience by the Pirate *Barbarossa*: and then assembling from the Black Sea, and other parts of his Dominions, a Fleet of a hundred and fifty great Gallies, with eighty of a lesser Rank, and two hundred and fifty other Vessels of divers sorts, he ordered an Attempt to be made on the Isle of *Corfu*, from whence the *Turks* having ravaged the Coasts, and killed and carried off great Numbers of the Inhabitants, again retired, and plundering *Zante* and *Cerigo*, laid waste the Island of *Engia*; after which they reduced *Naxia* and *Pario*, while, in the mean time, other of *Solyman's* Squadrons scoured the Coasts of *Naples*, and the *Tuscan Sea*, and dispersed the united Fleet of the Emperor, the Pope, and the *Venetians*. Receiving into his Protection the Pirates *Barbarossa*, *Haidin*, *Sinan the Jew*, *Gallicola*, and others, he ordered them to invest the *Spaniards*, then preparing for the Reduction of *Barbary*, which

1453.
The Turks
become Ma-
sters of potent
Fleets.

The Turks
very success-
ful by Sea and
Land.

Bajazet de-
feats the Ve-
netians at Sea.
1500.

They conquer
Aegypt,
Rhodes, and
Tunis.

The Turks ra-
vage many
Islands,

and

disperse the
Fleet of the
Emperor,
Pope, and
Venetians.

which they very effectually performed with a Fleet of sixty Sail; part of which, however, falling in with *Andrew Doria*, the Emperor's Admiral, were routed, but the *Spaniards* and *Italians* being overladen with their Booty, the *Turks* rallied, and attacking them again, entirely destroyed their whole Squadron. The *Portuguese* now commanding the *Indian Ocean* with their Fleets, and interrupting the Navigation between *Egypt* and *India*, *Solyman* ordered the *Beglerbey* of that Province to infest them by all the means he was able; to which purpose he entered into an Alliance with the *Cambayans*, and repaired with a great Fleet to their Assistance in the Siege of *Diu*, as we have already shewn in treating of the Affairs of the *Portuguese*. In the mean time the *Turkish* Fleets reduced *Tripoli* in *Barbary*, and the Town of *Africa*, with the Isles of *Zerbi*, and *Gozo*, and ravaged the Coasts of *Sicily*, where *Guimerani*, the Admiral of that Island, was defeated and taken Prisoner, with all his Ships, by the Pirate *Dragut Raiz*.

The Turkish
Fleets reduces
Tripoli, &c.

Solyman dying, he was succeeded by his Son *Selim II*, who with a numerous Fleet and Army took the Island *Cyprus* from the *Venetians*, as he did also *Tunis* and *Algier* from the *Moors*; but his grand Fleet received a most signal Overthrow from the *Venetians* near *Lepanto*; which, with the rest of the most remarkable Naval Actions of the *Turks* to this Time, having been already taken notice of among the Affairs of the *Venetians*, *Genoese*, or *Spaniards*, with whom they happened to be engaged, I shall not trouble the Reader with a Repetition of them, but proceed to the Naval Wars, of the *French*, which are those the Order I have before observed next brings me to.

Selim II.
takes Cyprus,
with Tunis
and Algier.
1571.

CHAP. XIV.

Of the Naval Wars of the French.

HOW considerable some of the ancient Inhabitants of *Gaul* were at Sea, will have been already seen by the Account which hath been given of the People of *Marseilles* and *Vannes*, in the first Book of this History; but from the Time that the *Franci*, or *Franks*, a People of *Germany*, crossed the *Rhine* into *Gaul*, and settling there, gave their Name to the whole Country and People, we hear of no Naval Exploits of the *French* till the Government of *Charles Martel*; who we find, about the Year 728, made an Expedition against the People of *Friesland*, whom he overcame in a Sea Fight, and burnt and laid waste the Islands of *Amistrache* and *Austrache*, as they are called by the Writers of those Times, which I suppose to be the Isle of *Ameland*, and *Oostergoe*, a Part of present *Friesland*. His Grandson *Charlemagne*, seeing the great Advantage a Naval Strength would be to the Defence of his Empire, made several convenient Harbours in different Parts of the Kingdom, and

728.
The French
beat the Fries-
landers at Sea.

Charlemagne
prepares a
Fleet, and
makes Har-
bours.

built a Number of Ships of War, which he put under the Command of the Constable *Buchard*; who off of *Genoa* engaged the *Saracens*, then mightily infesting *Corfica* and *Sardinia*, and entirely routed them, taking thirteen of their Ships, and putting the rest to Flight. And at the same time, in the *Adriatick*, with twenty Ships borrowed from the *Venetians*, *Charlemagne* defeated *Desiderius* King of *Lombardy*, and forced him to quit the Sea: While on the Coasts of the Ocean, one *Rutland* bore the chief Naval Command, under whom were maintain'd several Fleets in the Mouths of the *Loire*, the *Seine*, the *Rhine*, and the *Elbe*, against the Depredations of the *Danes* and *Saxons*: On which Coasts were also disposed several Bodies of Troops for their Defence against those *Barbarians*.

The French
beat the Sara-
cens at sea,
and the Lombards
A. D. 807.

Charlemagne
joins the Em-
pire with his
Sons.

Charlemagne having thus provided for the Security of his Empire, called in his Sons to be Sharers with him therein, placing *Charles* in *Germany*; appointing *Pepin* King of *Italy* to defend his Acquisitions there against the *Greeks*, and the *Duke* of *Benevento*; and to *Lewis* he committed *Aquitaine* to make head against the *Saracens* of *Spain*. *Pepin*, having ended the War with the *Duke* of *Benevento*, turned his Arms against *Paul*, who commanded the Fleet of *Nicophorus*, Emperor of the East, whom he engaged off *Comacchio*, in the *Adriatick*, and obtained the Victory, the *Grecian* Fleet being so disabled that it had much ado to make its Retreat over to *Dalmatia*. The *Venetians* having espoused the Part of *Nicophorus*, he next attacked them, and having defeated their *Doge*, failed over to *Dalmatia*, and ravaged the Coasts, whither the forementioned *Paul*, with the Eastern Emperor's Fleet, now reinforced, repairing against him, he returned to *Ravenna*, with a considerable Booty. After which *Pepin* seized the Port of *Broudolo*, with *Chi-ozza*, *Palestrina*, and other Places in the Neighbourhood of *Venice*, and then taking *Malamocco* it self, where in those times was the Ducal Palace, forced the *Doge* *Obelerius* to remove to *Rialto*, where has ever since been their Residence. There were three Naval Commanders appointed by *Charlemagne* for the Service of his Son *Pepin*, whose Names are recorded in History; one was *Emardus*, with the Title of Admiral, who was afterwards slain in a Sea Fight by the *Saracens* then possessing *Corfica*; another was *Archambot*, Chancellor to *Charlemagne*, who had the Command of the Fleet of *Genoa*; and the third was the forementioned *Buchard*, who killed five thousand *Saracens* in an Engagement off *Sardinia*, and expelled all their Garrisons from that Island and *Corfica*.

Pepin beats
the Greek
Fleet.

Pepin takes
several Places
near the Venetians.

Bernard King
of Italy over-
comes the Sa-
racens.

Pepin was succeeded in the Kingdom of *Italy* by his Son *Bernard*, in whose time the *Saracens* again invading *Corfica*, plundered the Island, and carried off a great Booty; but *Firmengarius*, who was *Bernard's* Viceroy in *Majorca*, falling in with the Enemy at Sea, routed them, and took several of their Ships, releasing a considerable Number of Christian Slaves that were found therein. The *Saracens*, nevertheless, still continuing their Depredations, surprized and plundered *Civita Vecchia*, and proceeding thence ravaged the Coasts of *Languedoc*, whence they repaired to *Sardinia*, and laid waste that Island; but *Firmengarius* happening to be there, while

The Saracens
lay waste se-
veral Places.

they carelessly straggled about the Country, he cut off great Numbers of them, intercepted some of their Ships, which he burnt, and forced the rest to retire in Confusion to *Africa*.

The Saracens Ships burnt.

Charlemagne dying, he was succeeded by his Son *Lewis*, surnamed *the Pious*, in whose time *Abderames*, King of the *Saracens* in *Spain*, sent a numerous Fleet, under the Command of *Aburman*, to the Coasts of *Aquitaine*, which he cruelly ravaged from one End to the other. But we don't meet with any Naval Battel fought in this Prince's Reign, though he is said to have provided a considerable Fleet at *Boulogne* in *Picardy*, and to have had another stationary one in the Mouth of the *Scheld*, where he erected a Light-House for the Benefit of Navigation. *Charles II.* his Successor, fortified the Mouth of the *Seine* against the Depredations of the *Saxons*, and to the same Purpose erected several Castles along the Coasts on each Side of that River. *Charles IV.* following the Example of *Lewis*, caused a Light-House to be built at *Sluys* in *Flanders*, erected another at *Rochelle*, and a third between *Bordeaux* and *Xaintonge*, I suppose in the same Place where now is the *Tour de Cordouan*.

The Saracens ravage the Coast of Aquitaine.

Charles II. prepares for the Defence of his Coasts.

Under *Lewis II.* the *Saracens* were beaten by the *French* in an Engagement before *Bari*, and again in the Gulf of *Gaeta*, soon after which *Calabria* came into the Hands of that Prince. But from that time we meet with no more Naval Expeditions till *Philip I.* in whose Reign the *French*, out of a Desire to recover the Holy Land from the Infidels (as was the Humour of those Times) made an Expedition into *Asia*, *Alexius Comnenus* being then Emperor of *Constantinople*. Crossing the *Hellepont* they entered *Bithynia* under the Command of *Hugh* the Brother of King *Philip*, and proceeding thence, reduced *Lycia*, *Pamphylia*, *Cilicia*, *Armenia*, and *Syria*, with the Cities of *Tripoli*, *Tortosa* and *Baruth*.

Lewis II. beats the Saracens, and takes Calabria. Philip makes an Expedition to Asia, and takes several Places. A. D. 1097.

After this, a great Fleet setting Sail from *Provence* for *Constantinople*, there took on board King *Lewis VII.* who had engaged in a like Undertaking, and having landed him in *Asia*, in order to prosecute the War against the Infidels on Shore, in the Mouth of the River *Mæander* they engaged a Fleet of the Enemy's and defeated them. *Lewis* having performed great Exploits against them by Land, and received the Palm, as was the Custom, in token of the Expedition's being at an End, he went on board his Fleet at *Joppa*, in order to come for *Europe*, when, in his way, the perfidious *Greeks* envying his Successes, tho' against their own mortal Enemies, attacked him with their whole Naval Strength, and had gone near to have utterly destroyed the whole Fleet, had not the Viceroy of *Sicily* timely arrived to their Assistance, and forced the *Greeks* to retire.

The French beat the Fleet of the Saracens.

The Greeks treacherously attack the French Fleet. A. D. 1147.

After this, *Lewis* having, nevertheless, betrothed his Daughter, the Princess *Agnes*, to *Alexius*, the Son of the Emperor of *Constantinople*, she was arrived there with a very numerous Company of *Frenchmen*, when *Andronicus* seizing the Empire, threw *Alexius* into the Sea, and forced all the *French*, of whom there were some thousands, out of the City. These, getting together five and twenty

Andronicus forces the French from Constantinople.

ty Gallies, to revenge this Treatment cruised about the Streights of *Constantinople*, the *Mer di Marmora*, the *Dardanelles*, and the *Archipelago*, and ravaged all the Coasts and Islands with Fire and Sword; against whom the *Greeks* sending out a Fleet of fifty Sail under the Command of *Philantropenus*, they came to an Engagement in the Golf of *Armiro*, wherein the *French* defeated them, and took several of their Ships; and by the Reputation of their Victory retained *Negroponte* and *Candia* in their Obedience.

The French
beat the Fleet
of the Greeks.

Philip II. now reigning in *France*, he sent a Fleet to *Africa* against *Saladin*, Sultan of *Egypt*, under the Command of *James d'Avesnes*, who reduced several Places on the Coast of *Barbary*. About which time *Lewis*, the Son of King *Philip*, sailing with another Fleet from *Marseilles*, was shipwrack'd in a Storm, on the Coast of *Sicily*, but at length repairing his shatter'd Navy, proceeded therewith to *Syria*, where, in an Engagement off of *Tyre*, he destroyed the Fleet of *Saladin*. After which putting *Boniface*, Marquis of *Montferat*, at the Head of another Expedition, he join'd with the *Venetians* in aiding *Alexius Angelus*, Son of *Isaac* Emperor of *Constantinople*, against his Uncle *Alexius Comnenus*, who had treacherously usurped the Empire from his Brother; and the *French* and *Venetian* Fleets attacking *Constantinople* in Conjunction, broke the Chain which was laid across the Entrance of the Port, for its Security, and there took twenty *Grecian* Ships; which done, they landed their Men, who bearing down all Opposition, forced the Tyrant *Alexius Comnenus* to fly, and set *Alexius Angelus* their Ally on the Throne. But he being soon after deposed in a Tumult, one *Murzuphlus* assumed the Empire, and attacked the *French* and *Venetians*, and in order to destroy them sent out sixteen Fireships before the Wind against their Fleet, but they getting out to Sea separated, and made a Passage for the Fireships to sail through them, so that that Device was render'd ineffectual: And the Confederates re-assembling their dispersed Fleet, attacked *Constantinople*, the *French* by Land, and the *Venetians* by Sea, who joined the Hulls of two Gallies with a Floor laid across, and thereon erecting Towers higher than the Ramparts of the City, threw in lighted Torches, and other combustible Matter, which presently setting that Quarter in Flames, they poured in Showers of Arrows upon the Soldiers and Citizens that went about to extinguish the Fire; while the *French* in another Place made a Breach in the Walls, and forced their Entrance into the City. *Constantinople* being thus taken, *Murzuphlus* saved himself by Flight, and with the universal Consent of all Parties (*Alexius* having been before slain by the Usurper) *Baldwin* Count of *Flanders* was saluted Emperor, the Marquis of *Montferat* being at the same time made King of *Thessaly*, and the *Venetians* having the Island *Candia* yielded to them.

The French
beat the Fleet
of Saladine.

The French
and Veneti-
ans attack
Constantino-
ple.

Constantino-
ple taken by
the French
and Veneti-
ans.

A. D. 1204

Some time after this *Lewis IX.*, hiring a Fleet of *Genoese* Ships and Sailors, put an Army of *French* Soldiers on board, and embarking at *Marseilles* proceeded to *Cyprus*, where rendezvousing at the same time *William* Prince of *Achaia*, with the Fleet of the *Morea*, and *Robert* Duke of *Burgundy*, with many Transports, having on board

board a considerable Number of Horse, they repaired in Conjunction to *Egypt*, and besieged *Damiata* by Land and Water, which in few Days they forced to surrender, but soon after they received a great Overthrow in a Battel on shore, wherein the King himself was taken Prisoner by the Infidels; who having purchased his Ransom with a great Sum of Money, and the Restitution of *Damiata*, embarked at *Acre* with the small Remains of his Army, and returned to *France*. This ill Success in *Asia* was not sufficient however to deter him from another Expedition against the Enemies of the Christian Name; for some Years afterwards he enter'd into another Croisade (as they called these Expeditions) and fitting out a considerable Fleet, embarked at *Aiguethortes* in *Languedoc*, and set Sail for *Cagliari*, the Rendezvous appointed for the Companions of the War, where holding a Council, it was resolv'd therein to attempt the City of *Tunis*. Setting Sail they soon came before Cape *Carthage*, where they attacked the Castle that defends the Entrance of the Port of *Tunis*, which after a long Siege being surrendered to them, they proceeded to *Tunis* itself, and invested that Place, but the Plague reigning in the Camp, King *Lewis* was seized with that Distemper and there died. After which the King of *Sicily* arriving with another Fleet, they brought the Enemy to a Composition, but could not take the Place; so that the Confederate Army being considerably diminished by Sickness, they broke up, and returned to their respective Countries.

The French and their Allies take Damiata, but are beaten on Shore.

Lewis IX. lays Siege to Tunis, but dies of the Plague.

After this *France* being greatly divided with Civil Dissensions, and also embroil'd with its Neighbours, kept it self sufficiently employed at home, and abandoned all Projects against *Syria*, *Egypt*, or *Barbary*. *Edward I.* King of *England* having sent out six Sail of Ships for *Bourdeaux*, as they coasted along *Normandy*, they were attacked and taken by some People of that Province, which he highly resenting, ordered his Admiral, *Robert Tiptot* to sail with a Squadron to *Normandy*, who entering the *Seine* sunk all the Ships he found in that River; after which he took several Ships laden with Wine that were coming round from the Western Coasts of *France*. Hereupon the *French* fitted out a Number of Ships under the Command of *Charles Count de Valois*, who engaging the *English* received a total Defeat: But the *French* soon after repairing their Fleet sailed to *Dover*, and surprizing that Town, plundered and set it on fire.

France divided by Civil Dissensions.

A. D. 1204.

The Fleet of Edward I. sink several French Ships.

The French Fleet beaten, but they burn Dover.

Some time after this there broke out a more bloody War between *Edward III.* King of *England*, and *Philip VI.* the *French* King, for no less Cause than the Crown of *France*, which *Edward* laid Claim to in Right of his Mother the Daughter of *Philip IV.* and Sister of *Charles IV.* the last King, who died without Issue. The *English* and People of *Flanders* their Allies, having received a Repulse before *Lille*, then in the Hands of the *French*, King *Edward* was crossing from *England* to *Stuys* with a considerable Fleet, having a Body of Troops on board for the Prosecution of the War, when the *French* Fleet consisting of four hundred Sail, endeavour'd to intercept him in his Passage, and prevent his Landing, where-

A. D. 1340.
A bloody Fight
at Sea be-
tween the
English and
French.

upon ensued one of the most bloody Engagements that any Age hath produced; wherein, according to the Account of the *French* themselves, they lost thirty thousand Men, and both their Admirals; but with the Loss to the *English* (say the same Accounts) of ten thousand Men, besides many Persons of Quality; and King *Edward* himself received a Wound in his Thigh. However the Victory was entirely on the *English* Side, and the King landing his Men, march'd, in Conjunction with those of *Flanders*, his Allies, and laid Siege to *Tournay*: After which he gained those great Victories in *France* which make so bright a Figure in the *English* History.

The English
take Tournay,
&c.

1371.

The French
take and sink
English Ships.

In 1371, the *French* King, *Charles V.*, having built a Fleet at *Roan*, and being assisted also with the Ships of *Henry* King of *Castile*, had a successful Engagement off of *Rochelle*, with an *English* Squadron of thirty five Sail, which were all either sunk or taken, and most of the Men slain in the Fight. This Squadron was intended for the Relief of *Rochelle*, then closely besieged by the *French* Army, commanded by the Constable *du Guesclin* and the Duke of *Berry*, by whose Direction all the Ships taken from the *English*, with some of their own that were unfit for Service, were sunk in the Entrance of the Harbour of *Rochelle*, to prevent the Town's receiving any Supply by Sea, and at the same time the Siege being vigorously carried on by Land, the Place was shortly after surrendered to the *French*.

The French
sink several
Ships at the
Entrance of
Rochelle.

A. D. 1385.

The French
aid the Scots
against the
English.

Under this Prince's Successor, *Charles VI.*, a Fleet was sent out, with a Land Army on board, commanded by *John de Vienne*, to the Assistance of the *Scots*, then at War with *England*, but Dissensions arising between the *French* and *Scots* about the manner of carrying on the War, he returned without doing any thing remarkable. Next Year the *French* King desigining to make an Expedition in Person against *England*, caused a Fleet of twelve hundred and eighty Sail to be got ready in the Port of *Sluys*, but the Rube the Duke of *Berry*, who was no Friend to this Project, threw in the Way, render'd all these Preparations ineffectual. The Admiral of *France* had, for the same Purpose, made an Armament of seventy two Ships on the Coast of *Bretagne*, which, having on board many Engines and Machines of a new Invention, with other Utensils for Sieges, put to Sea from *Trequier*, in order to sail for *Sluys*, but in their way meeting with a violent Tempest were all dispersed, and many of them being drove into the *Thames* fell into the Hands of the *English*, several were cast away on the Coast of *Zealand*, others perished amidst the Waves, and but very few escaped to *Sluys* with the Tidings of their Disaster.

The French
dispersed by
Tempest.

A. D. 1389.

The French
aid the Ge-
noese against
the Pirates of
Barbary.

Shortly after this the *Genoese* imploring Aid against the Pirates of *Barbary*, who cruelly ravaged their Coasts, the Remains of the two Fleets beforementioned were dispatch'd to their Assistance, under the Command of *Henry* Duke of *Bourbon*, who sailing into the Mediterranean, joined the *Genoese* Fleet, and proceeded to the Coast of *Barbary*, where he reduced the Town of *Africa*, and sat down before the City of *Tunis*; but after a long Siege, not being able to make himself Master of the Place, he contented to a Treaty with the

Enemy

Enemy, by which they engaged never in time to come to infest the Coasts of *France* or *Genoa*, to pay ten thousand Ducats for the Charge of the War, and set at liberty all the Christian Slaves in their Power. Under *Charles VII*, the next succeeding Prince, *John le Bonifor* is said to have defeated the *English* in an Engagement before the Town of *Blaye*, upon the *Garonne*, wherein he sunk five large Ships of *Bordeaux* which came to their Assistance, and besieging *Blaye* by Land and Water, at length forced it to surrender.

The English defeated at Sea. A. D. 1450.

During the long Reign of *Lewis XI*. there happened nothing remarkable at Sea; but his Successor *Charles VIII*, carrying his Arms into *Italy*, in order to reduce the Kingdom of *Naples*, a Naval Force was found very necessary for the Furtherance of that Design, and accordingly a Fleet was fitted out under the Command of the Duke of *Orleans*, who in a Sea Fight, off of *Porto Venere*, on the Coast of *Genoa*, worsted the Enemy's Gallies commanded by *Frederick*, Brother of *Alphonfus* King of *Naples* and *Sicily*, and keeping in awe all the Coasts of *Italy* from *Genoa* to *Naples*, struck such a Terror into *Alphonfus* himself, that he fled into *Sicily*, and left the Defence of his Realm of *Naples* to his Son. Soon after which that Kingdom wholly submitting itself to the *French*, the Reputation of their Arms was so great, that the Inhabitants of the *Morea*, and the rest of *Greece*, only waited the Appearance of their Fleet on their Coast, to revolt and throw off the *Turkish* Yoke; but the Prosecution of these Matters was hindered by the Intrigues of the *Venetians*, who grew jealous of the Encrease of the *French* Power, and had rather have the *Turk* their Neighbour on one side, than the Most Christian King on both.

The French Fleet overcame that of Naples.

Naples submitted to France.

Under *Lewis XII*. one *Pregent* was put at the Head of a Fleet in the Mediterranean, with the Title of Vice-Admiral of the *Levant*, with which encountering a *Venetian* Squadron off of *Genoa*, he sunk fifteen of their Gallies, and forced the rest to retire. After this he was ordered to conduct his Gallies round into the Ocean, to defend the Coasts of *Bretagne* and *Normandy* against the *English*; and falling in off *Conquet* with their Fleet, under the Command of Sir *Edward Howard*, they both came to an Engagement, wherein that Admiral losing his Life in the first Charge, the *English* thought fit to retire to their own Coasts.

The French beat the Venetians at Sea.

The English Fleet retire from the French.

Francis I. next succeeded to the Crown, in whose time *Andrew Doria* of *Genoa* was appointed General of the *French* Gallies, with which he reduced *Salerno*, and other Places on the Coast of *Naples*, while *Philip Doria*, his Nephew, ravaged the Island of *Sardinia*, and engaging the Emperor's Fleet in the Gulph of *Naples*, entirely destroyed it. But some of the great Men at Court envying the Favour and Protection the *Genoese* enjoyed, and their great Successes, put some Indignities upon *Doria*, whereupon he quitted the *French* Service, and entering into that of the *Spaniards*, under *Charles V*, carried over with him to that side the good Fortune which had hitherto attended the *French* in this War, and thereupon ensued their utter Expulsion out of the Kingdom of *Naples*, and Republick of *Genoa*. He was succeeded in the Command of

The French take Salerno, and other Places. A. D. 1523.

and destroy the Emperor's Fleet.

The French driven from Naples and Genoa.

the *French Gallies* by *Anthony de la Rochefoucauld*, and he by *Francis of Bourbon*, Count of *Anguien*, who, *Claude d'Annebault* being then Admiral of *France* and besieging *Boulogne*, sent round from *Marfeilles* to his Assistance a Squadron of Gallies under the Command of *Paulin*, Baron de la *Garde*. He joining the Admiral off *Boulogne*, they repaired in conjunction to the Coasts of *England*, where, arriving at *St. Helen's*, they had a slight Skirmish with the *English Fleet*, which came out of *Portsmouth* to engage them, and then landing in the Isle of *Wight*, they plundered some Villages, and retreated, though they had once a Design of erecting Forts there, and maintaining the Island, which had they done, (say the *French*) they had soon forced us to abandon *Boulogne*, (lately taken by *Henry VIII.*) and cut off our *Navigation to France and Spain*: But *Annebault*, with his fifty Men of War, sixty Ships of Burthen, and fifteen Gallies, being content to have only alarmed the Coasts, returned ingloriously home. About this time was built by the *French King's* Direction, at *Havre de Grace*, a Ship of War of a very considerable Burthen, the largest *France* had ever been Mistress of before: And at *Vannes*, in *Bretagne*, were ordered to be set up a Number of large Gallions.

Annebault was succeeded by *Gaspard de Coligny*, as Admiral of *France*, and several Years after, the foresaid Baron de la *Garde* was made General of the Gallies, but the Civil Wars now reigning in *France*, for a considerable time, there happened little or nothing memorable at Sea, in regard they were so warmly engaged by Land. However, the Protestants, having got several strong Towns into their Possession, and greatly increased their Power, at length began to take to the Sea; and having assembled a Squadron of nine Ships of War in the Port of *Rochelle*, under the Command of Monsieur de la *Tour*, they added several other small Vessels to them, which cruising in the Bay of *Biscay*, intercepted all the Ships they met with, whether *French* or *Spanish*, forcing the Men they found on board to take on in their Service. *De la Tour* being killed in the Battel of *Bassac*, the Protestant Navy was committed to Monsieur *Sora*, who at *Palma*, one of the *Canary Islands*, sunk the greatest Part of the *Brasil Fleet*, under the Command of *Lewis* the Governor of that Colony. The forementioned *Gaspard de Coligny* being barbarously murder'd in the Massacre of *Paris*, was succeeded as Admiral of *France* by *Honorat de Savoys*, who deputed the *Sieur de Lonfac* to command the Fleet. Against him the *Rochellers* sent out a Squadron of twelve Sail, commanded by Monsieur de *Claremont*, but most of those Ships being cast away, or taken by the Enemy, the Duke of *Mayenne*, who commanded the King's Land Army, recovered the Isle of *Oleron*, and Town of *Brouage* from the Protestants.

Whilst *Andrew de Brancas* and *Charles de Montmorency* were successively Admirals of *France* under *Henry IV.*, the *French* planted their Colony of *Canada*, or *New France*, which they discovered first in the Reign of *Francis I.* under the Conduct of *John Verazano*, a *Florentine*, commission'd by that Prince. But in the mean time new Troubles beginning in *France*, the *Sieurs Blanquet, Gaillard,*

The French
land in the Isle
of Wight.
A. D. 1544.

A. D. 1559.

The Protec-
tants of
France arms
several
Ships,
and
sink great part
of the Brasil
Fleet
A. D. 1572.

The Ships of
the Protestants
burnt down.

The French
plant their
Colony of
Canada.

Gaillard, Trelebois, and Pontenille, Gentlemen of the Protestant Party, putting to Sea with a Squadron, greatly infested the Mouth of the *Garonne*, where taking their Station off *Royan*, they cruised on their Enemies, and took several Prizes. There being a Fleet of a hundred and fifty Merchant Ships ready to sail from *Bourdeaux*, the *Sieur de Barrault*, Vice-Admiral of *Guienne*, was ordered with nine Men of War to convoy them out to Sea, upon whose Approach *Blanquet*, with his Party, retired to a Place of Security; but *De Barrault* in his return falling in with them, they came to an Engagement, wherein *Blanquet* received a total Defeat, lost all his Ships, and himself, with *Gaillard*, were taken Prisoners, the rest flinging themselves into the Sea, and escaping to Land. Mean while, in the Mediterranean, the Pirates of *Barbary* scouring the Coasts of *Provence*, Monsieur *de Beaulieu* was sent out against them with a Fleet of fifty Sail of Ships and Gallies, who, off *St. Tropez*, took one of their Vessels, and going out to Sea in quest of their main Force, met another of their Ships, commanded by a Renegado of *Rochelle*, who having obstinately defended himself for some time, at length in despair sunk his Ship, and was drowned with his whole Company. Another Renegado of *Arles* he forced to make his Escape on Shore; and having sunk a fourth of their Ships, not being able to come up with the rest, he returned to *Marseilles*.

A. D. 1617.

The French Protestants suffer at Sea.

The French go against the Pirates of Barbary.

All things were now tending in *France* to a fierce Civil War, and the Duke of *Espernon*, with an Army, blocked up the Avenues to *Rochelle* on the Land-side; but the Sea remaining open to the Besieged, they sent out a Squadron of six Ships, and one Gally, besides several small Vessels, against Monsieur *Cbalard*, Admiral of *Guienne*, whom they engaged in the Port of *Brouage*, and after an obstinate and bloody Dispute, wherein many Men were slain on both sides, they separated, and left the Victory uncertain; but soon after a Squadron of the King's, under the *Sieurs de St. Luc* and *Razilly*, defeated thirty Ships of the *Rochellers* near the Isle of *Ré*; while, in the mean time, the Duke of *Soubize*, at the Head of the *Rochellers* Forces, took *Royan* upon the *Garonne*, ravaged the Islands of *Oleron* and *Argentau*, landed in *Medoc*, and laid waste the Country; whence retreating, he penetrated into *Xaintonge*, and thence retiring to the Islands of *Rié* and *Mont*, situate amongst Marshes and Canals on the Coast of *Lower Poitou*, there fortified himself, and became so formidable, that the King himself marched in Person against him; upon whose Approach, and Preparations to attack him, he thought fit to retire, and got safe into *Rochelle*; but fifteen of his Ships which were left ashore at low Water fell into the King's Hands, with the People on board, who were all condemn'd to the Gallies. Upon this Success the French King ordered *Rochelle* to be again invested, the Blockade whereof had been for some time discontinued, and to cut off its Communication with the Sea, directed the Duke of *Guise* to come before it with forty Men of War, and twelve Gallies, who accordingly putting to Sea, made the best of his way for that Place. The *Rochellers*, with their Fleet, lay ready at the *Fosse de l'Oye*, in the Isle of *Ré*, to give the King's Ships Battel,

The French King's Fleet, and the Rochellers engaged.

The Rochellers defeated at Sea, but take some Places.

The French King goes against the Duke of Soubize, and takes several of his ships.

Rochelle invested by Sea and Land.

and

A. D. 1622.

The Rochellers are overcome at Sea.

and on their Approach bravely engaged them, and fought with such Resolution, that they held the Victory long doubtful, but were at length forced to yield to superior Numbers, and retire with the Loss of ten Ships, and fifteen hundred Men.

1625.

Soubize fortifies himself in the Isle of Ré.

Soon after this ensued a Peace between the contending Parties, but it proved but of short Duration, and the Duke of *Soubize* putting to Sea from *Rochelle*, repaired to *Blavet*, or Port St. *Louis*, in *Bretagne*, and seizing the Ships the Duke of *Guise* had laid up there, made himself also Master of the Town; but failing in his Enterprize on the Citadel, and the Duke of *Vendosme*, Governor of the Province, marching towards that Place, he quitted it, and retiring to his Ships, proceeded thence to the *Pais de Medoc*, on the Coast of *Guienne*, where he possessed himself of *Chastillon*, and other Places on the *Garonne*. Being at length obliged to quit those Parts, he retreated to the Isle of *Ré*, and there fortified himself. To dislodge him from thence, the *French Fleet* was fitted out, under the Command of the Duke of *Montmorency*, Admiral of *France*, and an auxiliary Fleet was procured from *Holland*, under the Command of the Sicur *Halstein*, and some Ships from *England*, which being all joined, amounted to fifty Sail; but the Duke of *Soubize*, at the Head of nine and thirty Ships, found means to burn the *Dutch Vice-Admiral*. Upon the Arrival of the *French Admiral* on board the Fleet, a Body of Troops was landed on the Island, where they met with a very warm Reception from the *Rochellers*, who, however, after the Loss of a considerable Number of Men, were worsted, and the Duke of *Soubize* made his Escape to the Isle of *Oleron*, whither he was followed by the Remains of his Fleet, which having been engaged at the same time, was lessened by nine Ships, and two which were stranded, whereof one was with great difficulty taken by the Enemy, and the other blew up, and destroyed four of the King's Ships.

The Duke of Buckingham sent to the Isle of Ré.

The Protestant Interest ruined in France by the taking of Rochelle.

Soon after this the Sollicitations of the Protestants with the *English Court*, added to the Misunderstandings then arisen between them and *France*, procured to be sent to the Aid of the *Rochellers* a Fleet and Army under the Conduct of the Duke of *Buckingham*, of which unsuccessful Expedition intending to give an ample Account among our own Affairs, I shall not anticipate the Reader in this Place, more than to tell him, that our Defeat there was followed not long after by the Surrender of *Rochelle*, and the Ruin of the Protestant Arms in *France*. For, as their principal Strength consisted in that Town, it being of the utmost Importance to the *French King* to reduce it, he left no Stone unturned for the compassing that End, and carried on the Siege in the most vigorous manner against it: But the Cardinal *de Richelieu*, then his chief Minister, considering that all Efforts by Land were in vain, so long as the Besieged kept open their Communication with the Sea, bent his whole Thoughts to block them up also that way. To this purpose he first employed a celebrated Engineer to lay a strong Barricade of Masts, and other Pieces of Timber chained together, across the Entrance of the Harbour; but the first heavy Sea which came in carrying all that

away,

away, he began a Causeway of large square Stones from each side of the Harbour, which he at length happily perfected, leaving a Space in the middle for the Passage of the Tide, where, to prevent any Succours from going in that way to the Relief of the Town, he filled up several Vessels with Mason's Work, and sunk them in that Space, which was besides defended by a Barricade of forty Ships linked together, and three Squadrons, one between the Causeway and the Town, and two without it, which had on board several Regiments; so that tho' the Relief of the Place was thrice attempted by the *English*, there was no effecting it, and Famine beginning to rage among the Besieged, they were compelled to surrender.

Some time after this the Office of Admiral of France was suppressed, in favour of Cardinal *Richelieu*, who had the Charge of that Employment given him, with the Title of Great-Master, Chief, and Superintendent General of the Navigation and Commerce of France. Which Minister, after the Reduction of *Rochelle*, kept three Fleets constantly at Sea, one for the Security of all the Coasts of France in general which lie on the Ocean, a second to defend the Coasts of *Languedoc* and *Provence* on the Mediterranean, and a third upon the Coasts of *Guienne* and *Gascogne*, to accompany to Sea, and give Convoy to the Fleets bound to *Canada*.

Cardinal Richelieu made Chief of Naval Affairs.

Some time after this, in the Year 1636, the *Spanish* Fleet, consisting of five large Ships of War, twenty two Gallies, and eighteen small Vessels, under the Command of the Duke of *Ferrandina*, and the Marquis of *Santa Cruz*, repairing to the Coasts of *Provence*, landed some Troops in the Islands of *St. Marguerite* and *St. Honorat*, who presently becoming Masters of the Forts built for their Defence, maintained themselves there till the ensuing Spring; when the Cardinal sent round from *Rochelle*, to join the Count *de Pontcourlay*, General of the Gallies in the Mediterranean, a Fleet of forty two Sail, under the Command of the Count *d'Harcourt*, assisted by the Archbishop of *Bourdeaux*, as President of the Council for Sea Affairs, who accordingly repairing to the Coast of *Provence*, the Ships and Gallies proceeded thence in conjunction against the Enemy. The *Spaniards* had by this time increased their Fleet with the whole Strength of *Sicily*, *Naples*, and *Tuscany*, with which the *French* falling in off of *Monaco*, there ensued a sharp Engagement between them, wherein the *Spaniards* were at length forced to give way, and retired under Covert of the Night; when the Count *d'Harcourt* not thinking fit to chase them far, repaired to *Sardinia*, to annoy the Enemy in that Island, and landing there, ravaged the Country, and made himself Master of *Oristagni*. This done, he returned to the Coasts of *Provence*, and attacking the *Spaniards* in the Islands of *St. Marguerite* and *St. Honorat*, presently recovered those Places out of their Hands, and leaving sufficient Garrisons in them, repaired to the Isles of *Hyerres* to clean and refit. After which the Count *d'Harcourt* remaining with the Ships upon the Coasts, the Count *de Pontcourlay* went out to Sea with the Gallies, where, upon receiving Intelligence of a considerable Number of Transports bound from *Spain* to *Italy* with Recruits for the

1636.

The Spaniards beaten by the French at Sea.

The French ravage Sardinia, &c.

The French
attack Spanish
Ships in Sight
of Genoa.

the Enemy's Forces in that Country, he lay in wait to intercept them, and, within Sight of *Genoa*, came to an Engagement with their Convoy, wherein, after a long and obstinate Dispute, he utterly disabled the Admiral of *Sicily*, killed near four hundred of the Men on board her, together with the Commander, and having taken six other Gallies, the rest escaped into the Port of *Genoa*, but not without the Loss of two thousand Men slain, and nine hundred taken Prisoners, of which Number were twelve Captains; while, on the side of the *French*, there were lost only three Gallies, but among their slain a hundred Men of Note.

The French over-
come the
Sicilians.

Not long after the Prince of *Conde* and Duke of *Valette* penetrated with an Army into *Biscay*, as far as Port *Passage*, and seizing that Place, made themselves Masters of a Fleet of Gallions, and many other Ships in the Port; mean while the Archbishop of *Bourdeaux*, being returned from the Mediterranean, scoured the Sea-Coasts with the Fleet under his Command, and in the Port of *Guetaria*, near *St. Sebastian's*, burnt fourteen Gallions and three Frigates, besides several other Vessels. But the two Generals before-mentioned differing about carrying on of the Siege of *Fontarabia*, which they had invested, the *Spaniards* refusing new Courage, vigorously repulsed them, and forced them to retire within their Frontiers with a very considerable Loss.

The French do
considerable
Damage to the
Spaniards, but
are forced to
retire.

The Marquis de *Breze* had, some time after, better Fortune with the Fleet then under his Command, who cruising with one and twenty Sail off the Streights Mouth, and having understood by an *English* Merchant Ship, which he had rescued from a Pirate of *Sally*, that the *Spanish Flota*, designed for the *West-Indies*, consisting of six and thirty Sail of Ships, besides twelve Gallions, lay in the Bay of *Cadiz*, ready to sail with the first fair Wind, he continued in the Offing of that Place, and engaged them on their coming out with such Success, that he sunk the Admiral Gallion, destroyed four others with his Fireships, and so disabled the whole Fleet, that many of the Ships sunk before they could get back into the Bay of *Cadiz*, but the Marquis following them, generously took up the Men, and set them on shore. In 1642, the same Officer being at the Head of the Fleet in the Mediterranean, where he was to act on the Coasts of *Spain* in concert with the Army under the Marshal de *la Mothe*, for the Reduction of *Catalonia*, burnt several of the *Spanish* Gallies in the Gulph of *Valencia*, and engaging the rest of their Fleet before *Barcelona*, he, after a long and fierce Dispute, which lasted two Days, obtained the Victory, with the Loss of only four hundred Men on his side; but to the *Spaniards* of near two thousand.

1640.

The French
beat and dis-
able the Spa-
nish Fleet.

1642.

The Spaniards
beaten by the
French off of
Barcelona.

Upon the Death of the Cardinal *Richelieu* the following Year, the said Marquis de *Breze*, who was his Nephew, succeeded him in the Office of Great Master, Chief, and Superintendant General of the Navigation and Commerce of *France*. Some time after which an Army being marched into *Italy* against the *Spaniards*, a Fleet was sent to the Coasts of that Country, under the Command of the same Marquis, who engaging the Enemy's Gallies before *Orbitello*,

bitello, on the Coast of *Tuscany*, his Fleet obtained the Victory, but he was himself slain in the Action by a Cannon-Ball.

The Civil Diffensions which ensued shortly after in *France* continuing for some Years, wholly employed those People by Land, so that we hear nothing more of their Naval Transactions till the Year 1666, when, in the War between the *English* and *Dutch*, the *French* King, who espoused the Cause of the latter, ordered the Duke de *Beaufort* to join them with his Fleet. But in the next *Dutch* War the Scene was greatly changed, and the *French* King sent the Count d'*Estrées*, Vice-Admiral of *France*, with eight and forty Men of War, manned with eleven thousand Men, and mounted with nineteen hundred and twenty Guns, to join the *English* Fleet under the Duke of *York*; in conjunction with whom they engaged the *Dutch* at *Solebay*, but, in the Heat of the Engagement, quitted the Line of Battel, and left the Duke exposed to the *Dutch*, tho' not without the Loss of two of their best Ships, one of eighty Guns, which was burnt, and the other of seventy, which was sunk. However the *French* Fleet, under the same Admiral, bore a part in the next Naval Engagement, which happen'd in 1673, between the *English* under Prince *Rupert*, and the *Dutch* under *De Ruyter*, as also in the other ensuing Actions which happen'd the same Year, as will be more particularly related in the Account of our own Naval Transactions. In 1676, the *Dutch* sending a Squadron under the Command of *De Ruyter*, to the Assistance of the *Spaniards* in the Mediterranean, the *French* Fleet under Monsieur du *Quesne*, Lieutenant General of the Naval Armies of *France*, had two Engagements with the *Dutch* Admirals on the Coast of *Sicily*, wherein neither side could well claim the Victory; but in the last of them *De Ruyter* received those Wounds of which he died in few Days.

Some time after this the *Corsairs* of *Tripoli* interrupting the Trade of the *French* in the Mediterranean, Monsieur du *Quesne* was sent out with a Fleet against them, who having Intelligence that eight of their Cruisers were in the Port of *Scio*, in the *Archipelago*, where they hoped to be secure under the Protection of the Grand *Signior*, du *Quesne* nevertheless attacked them, and destroyed them all in that Port: Whereupon the Government of *Tripoli* were glad to accept of a Peace, which *Du Quesne* shortly after agreed upon with them. The next Year, upon account of the like Piratical Depredations committed by those of *Algier*, *Du Quesne* went before that Place, and threw in such a Number of Bombs as ruined most part of the Town; and the following Year renewed the Bombardment, which brought the *Algerines* also to his Terms.

In 1684 happened the Bombardment of *Genoa*, by the *French* Fleet, under the Directions of the Marquis de *Seignelay*, of which we have already given Account among the Affairs of that Republick: And next Year, upon new Differences with the Government of *Tripoli*, the Marshal d'*Estrées* repaired before that Place, and threw in eleven hundred Bombs, which forced that People again to accept of a Peace, whereby they gave up all the *French* Slaves they had, and engaged to pay five hundred thou-

The Spaniards again beaten, but the Marquis de Brezé slain.

1646.

1666.

The French espouse the Dutch against England.

The French join the English against the Dutch, but leaves them exposed.

1673.

The French join the English again.

1676.

The French engage the Dutch in the Mediterranean.

1681.

Du Quesne destroys the Ships of Tripoli at Scio.

1682.

The French bombard Algier.

1683.

1684

The Tripolines again forced to a Peace.

1684

1687. sand Crowns for the Prizes they had taken. In 1687 the *Algerines* having broken their late Peace, the *French* Ships cruised against them, and, near *Ceuta*, after a sharp Dispute, sunk their Vice Admiral, having killed thirty of the Men on board, and taken ninety Prisoners: And in the Close of the same Year the Marquis *d'Amfreville*, commanding a *French* Squadron, ran one of their Ships of thirty six Guns ashore in *Sardinia*, and took most of her Company Prisoners.

The Algerines
worsted by
the French.

1688.
The French
take two
Dutch Ships
in the Medi-
terranean.

France de-
clares War a-
gainst Eng-
land.

Soon after this happened the Revolution in *England*, which, for the part the *Dutch* had in it, bringing on the *French* King's Declaration of War against *Holland* in 1688, before the Close of that Year, two of his Ships of War in the Mediterranean, after an obstinate Fight, took two *Dutch* Ships coming from *Messina* to *Leghorn*, the one a Man of War, and the other a *Turkey* Merchant Ship of a very considerable Value. Shortly after which he declaring War also against *England*, the Naval Actions of the *French* since that time have been chiefly with our own Countrymen in the two last Wars, and are at large accounted for in the fourth and fifth Books of this History.

C H A P. XV.

Of the Naval Wars of the English, from the first known Times of Britain, to the Norman Conquest.

AFTER having thus taken a View of the Naval Transactions of the rest of the World, 'tis time we now come to those of our own Nation, which appeared very early at Sea, and has been one of the most fruitful in Naval Events.

Observations
on the early
Naval Force
of the Bri-
tains.

Altho', in my Opinion, all particular Accounts of *Britain*, and its Affairs, before the Time of *Julius Cæsar*, are deservedly exploded as fabulous, yet (as Mr. *Selden* has ingeniously observed) from the Memoirs that great Man has left us of his Wars in *Gaul*, it may be very fairly concluded that the *Britains* were, long before *Cæsar's* Time, Masters of a considerable Sea Force: For upon occasion of that sharp Naval War, (taken Notice of in the first Book of this History) which the *Veneti*, or People of *Vannes*, waged against him, he observes that they not only received Aid therein from *Britain*, but also (speaking of the great Power of those People above the rest of the *Gauls* in those Parts) says they were Masters of great Numbers of Ships, with which they used to navigate to that Island. And speaking in another Place of his Motives for making an Expedition to *Britain*, and the Steps he took preparatory thereto, to gain proper Intelligences of the Country, he says he was at a great Loss in his Enquiries therein of the *Gauls*, because the *Britains* permitted none but Merchants to visit their Country, and they only

A Chart of the Sea Coast of
GREAT BRITAIN
 and
IRELAND.
 By H. Moll Geographer.

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 Leagues of Great Britain.



only those Parts of their Coasts which lay over against *Gaul*. This being so, as Mr. *Selden* argues, it is not to be doubted but that, besides the Boats made of Wicker and Hides, elsewhere taken notice of by *Cæsar*, the *Britains* had also a potent Navy which might, at pleasure, if they so thought fit, dislodge from their Coasts those Ships of the *Veneti* beforementioned, though so well equipped as *Cæsar* has described them. How otherwise could it be (says Mr. *Selden*) that the *Britains* should have it in their Power to admit none but Merchants, or whom they pleased, to their Coasts? Besides, after the Defeat the *Veneti* had received from *Brutus*, and that *Cæsar*, in punishment of their Revolt, had put to Death their whole Senate, (in which were included all the People of any Rank or Consideration among them, so that their Merchants were consequently of the Number) though there were Multitudes of that People still remaining, who were made Slaves, yet was there not one to be found among them who was acquainted with any Port of *Britain*, as is plain from the same *Cæsar*; but how that could possibly be true, (continues Mr. *Selden*) can by no means be comprehended, if the Naval Power of the *Veneti*, which used to sail thither, was more considerable than that of the *Britains*, nor unless the *British* Sea Force was greatly superior to that of the *Veneti*. Nor need it appear strange, that in *Cæsar's* Expedition to *Britain*, soon after the Reduction of that People, there were no Ships found on our Coasts to oppose him, or that the *Roman* Writers make mention of no other than Vessels made of Wicker; for the *Veneti*, in their Naval Battel with *Brutus*, had assembled together all the Ships which could any where be found amongst themselves, or their Allies. Now if the *British* Fleet which was sent for to their Aid was amongst that Number, (as certainly it was) it was all lost before the Arrival of *Cæsar*; for the whole Strength of the *Veneti* perished in the foresaid Naval Engagement, as he expressly says. And after the *Romans* had reduced the Island to their Obedience, it is not to be imagined they would have suffered the Natives to be Masters of any Ships of Force; whence it is that the *Roman* Writers, after the Time of *Cæsar*, take notice of no other but those Vessels made of Wicker and Hides. Agreeable to these Reasonings of Mr. *Selden's* are the Sentiments of the learned Monsieur *Huet* upon this Point, who says, in his Treatise of the Commerce and Navigation of the Ancients, that when the *Britains* aided the *Gauls* against the *Romans*, which they often did, as *Cæsar* himself affirms, and in particular when they assisted the People of *Vannes*, it is not to be supposed that they fought against the *Romans* in Leathern Boats, or that they sent their Men thither without furnishing them with Ships fit for Naval Engagements, it being rational to believe that, seeing their Enemies had strong Ships of War, they would endeavour to imitate them, for their own Preservation and Advantage.

Although *Cæsar* met with all the Success he could reasonably expect in his two Expeditions to *Britain*, (the Particulars whereof are before related among the *Roman* Affairs) yet the *Romans* made

no Account of pursuing their Conquests therein till the Time of *Claudius*, which Emperor undertook an Expedition thither in Person, and having reduced great part of the Island to the Form of a *Roman* Province, returned to *Rome*, where celebrating a Triumph for the same, he caused a Naval Crown to be hung up in the Imperial Palace, in token that he had subdued the *British* Ocean. *Plautius*, who was one of his principal Officers in this Expedition, he left to rule the Province in quality of *Proprator*, who was succeeded, in Order, by *Ostorius*, *Didius*, *Veranius*, *Paulinus*, and others, who fought several Battels with the *Britains* with various Success.

Julius Agricola comes to govern Britain.
A. D. 79.

• Anglesey.

He reduces the Isle of Anglesey.

Agricola discovers Britain to be an Island.

• Richborough was called Sandwich.

At length, in the Reign of *Vespasian*, *Julius Agricola*, a Person of great Skill and Experience, as well in Civil as Military Affairs, was sent to govern the Province, who arriving in *Britain* about the end of Summer, (a Time when other Generals begin to look out for Winter-Quarters) immediately proceeding with his Troops towards the Isle of *Mona*, separated from the main Land by an Arm of the Sea, at once marched them through the Shallows, and penetrated into the Island; which the Inhabitants looking upon as a kind of Miracle, were presently terrified into Obedience, as thinking it vain to resist him to whom the Sea itself seemed to give way, and afford a safe Passage through its Waves. The Reduction of this small Island was looked upon to be of such Importance, that *Agricola* is praised for his great Moderation, in not adorning with Laurel his Letters to the Senate, giving an Account of his Success; for so did their Generals Letters use to be decked which brought Advice of any extraordinary Advantage. The *Romans* were however yet unacquainted with the more Northern parts of *Britain*, and *Agricola* being very desirous to know its utmost Boundaries, and whether it were an Island, or joined to the Continent, he assembled a Fleet at the Isle of *Mona*, which he ordered to coast along to the Northward, but constantly to keep so near the Land, as that every Night it might be in sight of the Body of Troops which marched along the Coasts on the same Design. Pursuing this Route, the Fleet and Army in a short time came to the Gulph of *Glota*, (now the Firth of *Clyd*) where *Agricola* being arrived, and understanding that opposite thereunto, on the Eastern side of the Island, there was another great Inlet of the Sea, called *Bodotria*, (now the Firth of *Forth*) he fortified the Space between with Castles and Garrisons. After which having several bloody Engagements with the Inhabitants of those Parts, wherein they were at length totally defeated, he became absolute Master of all the Country on this side of the Firths, and, by his Fortifications between them, shut the Natives out, as it were, into another Island; and now resolving entirely to satisfy his Curiosity, as to the Extent of the Country, and to penetrate to the uttermost Ends of the Earth, (as the Ancients supposed the extreme Parts of *Britain* must be) he again sent out the Fleet, which proceeding Northward from the Firth of *Clyd*, went about the *Orkneys*, and coming round thence to the *Portus Trutulensis*, from whence it first departed, discovered to the *Romans* that *Britain* was an Island. *Agricola's* Reduction, and Settlement of so much of this Island in a

peaceable Submission to the *Roman Name*, was esteemed so considerable an Atchievement, that it drew upon him the Hatred of the Emperor *Domitian*, (a Prince with whom great Virtues were more punishable than open Crimes) who, under pretence of doing him farther Honour, by conferring upon him the Proconsulship of *Asia*, recalled him to *Rome*, and there took him off by Poison.

Domitian poisons Agricola.

Under several succeeding Emperors we meet but with little mention of *Britain*, and of its Naval Affairs nothing, save that in the Reign of *Antoninus Pius*, it appears, from the *Digest*, that one *Seius Saturninus* was Commander in Chief of the *Roman Fleet* here. Under *Dioclesian*, *Carausus*, a Native of *Gallia Belgica*, was possessed of that Command, who became so considerable, that he set himself up for Emperor, and being absolute Master of *Britain*, maintained his Authority there for several Years, as we have already shewn among the *Roman Affairs*, where his Naval Exploits are particularly related.

A. D. 285. *Carausius makes himself Master of Britain.*

In the Time of the Emperor *Gratian*, *Theodosius* (whom he afterwards assumed into a Partnership of the Empire) performed several great Atchievements in *Britain* against the *Picts* and *Scots*, who ravaged the Inland Provinces of the Island, while the *Saxons*, with frequent Delcients, harrassed the Southern Coasts. The former he forced to retire to their native Mountains in the North, and the *Saxons* he overthrew in several Engagements at Sea.

Theodosius beats the Saxons at Sea.

That People were now, and had been for some time very considerable on float, and remarkable for their Robberies and Cruelties exercised upon all their Neighbours, both by Sea and Land. Yet before another Century came about, near the time when *Attila* King of the *Huns* penetrated with his *Barbarians* into *Italy*, the *Britains*, harrassed by the frequent Inroads of the *Picts*, and deserted by the *Romans*, (who had now enough to do to defend themselves) invited these *Saxons* over to their Assistance: A small Number of whom, under the Conduct of *Hengist* and *Horsa*, two Brothers, arriving in *Britain*, render'd considerable Service against the *Picts*, and had the Isle of *Thanet*, where they first landed, assigned them as a Reward, and Place of Habitation. The Richness and Fertility of the Country was so agreeable to these *Saxons*, that they soon invited more of their Nation to share in their good Success, and were at length followed by such Drokes of them, that, turning their Arms against their Entertainers, they defeated them in several Battels, and at length driving them out of the best part of the Island into that mountainous Country now called *Wales*, possess'd themselves of all that part of *Britain*, which from the *Angles*, one of the most considerable of the *Saxon Tribes*, has derived the Name of *England* which it now bears. Therein having by degrees established seven Kingdoms, they were at length all united into one Monarchy in the Person of *Egbert*.

The Saxons invited to Britain.
A. D. 450.

The Saxons master the greatest part of Britain.

That Prince began his Reign over the *West-Saxons*, in the Year 800, at which time the *Danes*, brought down by the just Dispensations of Heaven, to retaliate, in great part, upon the *Saxons* what they had caused the *Britains* to suffer, made their first Expedition

800. *The Danes come to Britain.*

to this Island. Twice in this Year they landed in different Parts of the Kingdom, one Body of them in the Isle of *Portland*, and another in the Mouth of the *Humber*, where plundering the adjacent Country, they got together some Booty; but behaving themselves more like Piratical Robbers than a declared Enemy, they were soon forced to their Ships, and carried off little with them at that time but a slight Knowledge of the Country. But the next Year landing in *Lindisfarne*, or *Holy Island*, they there gave the *Saxons* a great Overthrow, when imbarcking aboard their Ships, they sailed round to the Coast of *Wales*, where the *Britains* (or *Welch*, as the *Saxons* called them) entering into Confederacy with them, they jointly proceeded against King *Egbert*, and gave him Battel, but received a total Defeat. Nevertheless the following Year, with a considerable Reinforcement of Shipping, they enter'd the *Thames* Mouth, and seized the Isle of *Shepey*, from whence they made Excursions throughout the whole County of *Kent*, and even to the very Gates of *London*, but were at length dislodged from thence by King *Egbert*, and forced to retire. However it was not long e'er they returned again, and their Attempts upon one Part or other of the Coast were so numerous, that there would be no End should we recount them all, there being hardly a Port in *England*, which more or less of them had not visited.

Egbert beats the Danes and the Welch. The Danes come up the Thames, and harra's Britain.

838.

About the Year 838, (*Ethelwolf* the Son of *Egbert* then reigning) they sailed up the *Thames* with a Fleet of three hundred and fifty Vessels, and burning all the Towns they came by, landed their Men, and marching up into the Country laid it waste with Fire and Sword; but *Ethelwolf* at length giving them a great Overthrow, they retired to their Ships, and returned home, not without Design of coming back with a more considerable Force. This they accordingly did in 866, arriving on the Eastern Coasts with a numerous Fleet under the Conduct of *Hinguar* and *Hubba*, two Brothers; and were followed shortly after by a Force no less considerable, under *Basca* and *Halfden*, who landed in the West. These joining their Forces, and aiming at no less than the Reduction of the whole Kingdom, marched against King *Ethelred*, then reigning, with whom they fought several Battels with various Success, in one of which that Prince, with *Halfden*, one of the *Danish* Leaders, lost their Lives.

The Danes do great Mischiefs, but are forced to retreat.

866.

The Danes come again to England.

Ethelred slain.

Alfred beats the Danes: &c.

Ethelred was succeeded by his younger Brother *Alfred*, who wisely reflecting that his Predecessors Neglect of their Naval Affairs for some time past had exposed the Country to the Attempts of the *Danes*, fitted out a Fleet, and obtained several signal Advantages over the Enemy, which, with the Loss of a hundred and twenty of their Ships, partly by Storm, and partly destroyed by the *English*, on the Coasts of *Devonshire*, repressed their Insolencies for some time. But at length those of them who were settled in *Northumberland*, and among the *East Angles*, equipping a Number of Gallies, sent them round into the Chancel, to cruise on the Coasts of the *West Saxons*. Whereupon King *Alfred* built a Number of Gallies, twice as long as those usual in these times, some whereof had

sixty Oars, and some more, and were of a peculiar Built, of the King's own Invention, being both higher, swifter, and steadier, says my Author, than those of either the *Danes* or *Frisons*. These meeting with the Enemy off the Isle of *Wight*, a sharp Engagement ensued betwixt them, wherein at length, not without a considerable Loss on the *English* Side, the *Danes* were defeated, all their Ships being either taken or sunk, and the Men that escaped the Slaughter were taken Prisoners, and executed by the *English* as Pirates. In this Prince's Time also *Rollo* the *Norman* coming with a numerous Fleet from the North, landed on the *English* Coasts, but met with so warm a Reception, that he thought fit immediately to retire to his Ships, and go to seek Adventures in other Parts.

The Danish Fleet overcome by the English.

Rollo the Norman lands in England, but forced back.

Edward and *Athelstan*, who next succeeded in Order, had several successful Rencounters at Sea with the *Danes*; but *Edgar* who came to the Crown in 959, far surpassed all his Predecessors in Naval Glory, and provided himself a Navy of no less than three thousand and six hundred Sail, and those for that Age all stout Ships. This Force was divided into three Fleets, each of twelve hundred Sail, which he kept in constant Readiness for Service, one on the Eastern Coast, another on the Western, and the third on the Northern Coasts of the Kingdom, to defend them against the Depredations of the *Danish* and *Norman* Pirates, and secure the Navigation of the adjacent Seas: Which that he might the more effectually do, he every Year, after the Festival of *Easter*, went on board the Fleet on the Eastern Coast, and sailing Westward with it, scoured the Chanel of Pirates, and having looked into all the Ports, Bays, and Creeks between the *Thames* Mouth and the Land's End, quitted this Fleet and sent it back; and going on board the Western Fleet did the like in those Parts, as also on the Coasts of *Ireland*, and among the *Hebrides*, or Western Islands; where being met by the Northern Fleet, he went on board the same, and came round to the *Thames* Mouth, thus encompassing all his Dominions, and providing for the Security of their Coasts. This he did for the whole sixteen Years of his Reign; and as a more signal Declaration of his Power at Sea, going once to keep his Court at *Chester*, he summoned thither all the Kings who held of him, to wit, *Kenneth* King of *Scotland*, *Malcolm* of *Cumberland*, *Maccuse* of the *Isles*, and five Kings of *Wales*, and going on board his Barge caused each of them to take an Oar, and to row him down the River *Dee*, while he himself sat in the Stern, and held the Rudder; thus, in a sort of solemn Triumph, asserting his Right to that Sea-Dominion, derived from his Ancestors, which has been from him so happily transmitted down (with the Consent of all the Neighbouring Nations) to his latest Successors, and shall, I trust, continue with them so long as the Sea it self shall endure.

959.
King Edgar's Naval Strength.

The *Danes*, who in the Reign of this valiant Prince had remained more quiet, when he was deceased, and his Son *Ethelred* came to the Throne, renewed their Hostilities, and coming over in Swarms committed great Spoil on the Coasts: Against whom *Ethelred*, after the Example of his Father, prepared a powerful Navy, causing of every three hundred and ten Hides of Land in the Kingdom a

The Danes renew their Hostilities in the Reign of Ethelred.

Ship

Ethelred's
Navy de-
stroyed by
Tempest.

The Danes
massacred.

Swain reduc-
es greatest
part of Eng-
land.

Ethelred for-
ces Knute
from Lindsey.
Knute returns
and the Eng-
lish Fleet re-
volts to him.

Knute leav-
es the King-
dom to Harold.

1042.
Edward the
Confessor cho-
sen King of
England.

Godwin Earl
of Kent re-
volts.

Harold, Son
of Earl God-
win, succeeds
to the Crown.
Tostig with
the King of
Norway in-
vades Eng-
land, but are
defeated.

Duke William
claims the
Crown of
England.

Ship to be built; which however met with but ill Success, being for the most part either destroyed by Tempests, or, through Neglect, render'd unserviceable against the Enemy. So powerful were they now grown here, and so odious to the People, that nothing less than a general Massacre of them could satisfy, and accordingly the Design was put in Execution, without Regard to Age or Sex. To revenge this Treatment of his Countrymen, *Swaine*, King of *Denmark*, comes over with a numerous Fleet, and met with such good Success, that forcing *Ethelred* to retire into *Normandy*, he made himself Master of the greatest Part of the Kingdom; but dying soon after, *Ethelred* returned, and being presently furnished with a considerable Force, repaired to *Lindsey*, where he set upon *Knute* the Son of *Swaine*, with his Father's Shipping and Hostages, and forced him to betake himself to the Sea, and retire to his own Country; but *Knute* did not long continue there, for, within the Year, he came back with a more powerful Fleet and Army to *Sandwich*, where *Edric*, who had the Command of *Ethelred's* Fleet, revolted to him with forty Ships; and landing at that Place, he met with so good Success, that in a short time he made himself Master of the whole Kingdom, and after a long and happy Reign, left it to *Harold* his eldest Son; who was succeeded by *Hardiknute*, *Harold's* half Brother, the last of the *Danish* Kings in *England*.

Upon that Prince's Death in 1042, *Edward*, the Son of the late King *Ethelred*, was chosen King by joint Consent of the People, who were not a little influenced in their Choice by *Godwin* Earl of *Kent*, a Person of great Sway in those Times, who some while after disagreeing with the King, retired from Court, and betaking himself to Sea, got together a considerable Fleet, with which he committed great Spoil on the Coasts, took several Ships, and at length coming up to *London*, forced the King to grant him his Pardon on his own Terms. The Earl's Son *Harold*, upon the Decease of King *Edward*, succeeded to the Crown, who was hardly seated on the Throne, when his own Brother *Tostig* joining with *Harfager*, King of *Norway*, against him, invaded *England* with a great Navy, and landing at *Tinmouth*, marched their Army into the Heart of the Kingdom; but *Harold* soon repairing against them, they came to a Battel, wherein their Forces were utterly defeated, and *Tostig* and *Harfager* both slain.

William, surnamed the *Bastard*, Duke of *Normandy*, having Pretensions to the Crown of *England*, founded on the Last Will of the late King *Edward*, had just before this Invasion sent to demand of *Harold* the Surrender of the Kingdom to him, and to support that Demand in Case of Refusal, which he was sure to meet with, got ready a considerable Fleet and Army. To provide for his Security against this Force, *Harold* repaired to *Sandwich*, where he went on board his Fleet, and sailing thence to the Isle of *Wight*, disposed several Bodies of Men, as he went along the Coasts, in the Places where 'twas likely the Enemy would attempt to land. While he was employed in this manner, he received Advice of the Descent of his Brother in the North, whereupon thinking no time should be

lost

lost in laying that Tempest that first broke out upon him, he march'd with a great Army Northwards, where he met with the Success I have before mention'd. Winter approaching, and Provisions beginning to grow scarce in the Fleet he had left in the Chanel, the Ships being no longer able to keep the Sea, returned into Port, which they had no sooner done, but Duke *William*, lying ready at *St. Valery*, set sail from thence with a Fleet of nine hundred Sail, with which in few Hours arriving at *Hastings*, he there landed, and shortly after giving Battel to *Harold* near that Place, gained an entire Victory over the *English*, of whom sixty thousand with *Harold* himself were slain on the Spot; which was immediately followed by the Submission of the whole Kingdom to his Authority.

Duke William sets sail for England, and gains the Crown. 1066.

CHAP. XVI.

Of the Naval Transactions of the English from the Norman Conquest to the End of Queen Mary I.

THE Reign of the Conqueror pass'd without any considerable Disturbance till the eleventh Year, when a formidable Conspiracy was enter'd into against him by several *English* Lords, who being countenanced by divers of the neighbouring Princes, *Swaine* King of *Denmark* sent a Fleet of two hundred Sail to their Assistance, under the Command of his Son *Knute*, and *Drono* King of *Ireland* furnished the Sons of the late King *Harold* with sixty five Ships; but King *William* having seized the Conspirators at home, made so good Preparations for the Reception of these foreign Enemies, that the *Irish* Ships returned without attempting any thing, and the *Danes* after having committed some Depredations on the Coasts of *England* and *Flanders*, returned home also. But the latter, a few Years after, intending to repair this Dishonour, and to assert their pretended Right to *England*, fitted out a Fleet of a thousand Sail, to which were added six hundred by the Earl of *Flanders*, their Ally; but the Winds hanging out of the Way for two Years together (as our Historians say) or, what is more probable, through Despair of Success, the Expedition was laid aside, and *England* ever after freed from all Molestation from that Quarter.

Swain assists the rebellious Lords, but they and the Irish forced to return.

The Danes intend a great Fleet for England, but are prevented.

King *William* dying in 1087, was succeeded by his Son *William II*, and he by his Brother *Henry I*, who was followed by *Stephen*, the Grandson of *William I*, during all which Time there happened nothing remarkable at Sea. *Henry II*, Son of *Maud* the Empress, next succeeded in the Throne, who, in the Year 1172, resolving to attempt the Reduction of *Ireland*, assembled a Fleet of four hundred Ships at *Milford Haven*, and there embarking with a great Body of Troops, cross'd over to *Waterford*, and landing his Army, in a short time brought the whole Kingdom to his Obedience, which

1087.
The Successors of King William.

1172.
Henry II. sails to and reduces Ireland.

having settled in Peace, and left a Deputy there to administer the Government, he returned triumphantly to *England*.

Richard I goes with a Fleet to the Holy Land.

His Son and Successor *Richard I.* entering into the Holy War, in Conjunction with *Philip II.* of *France*, fitted out from his Realm of *England*, and his Dominions in *France*, a Fleet of a hundred and thirty Ships, and fifty Gallies, under the Command of the Archbishop of *Auxerre*, the Bishop of *Bayonne*, *Robert de Sabul*, and *Richard de Carville*, which having ordered to sail to the Mediterranean, he himself went over-land to *Marsailles*, and proceeding thence to *Sicily*, there embarked, and made the best of his Way thence for *Syria*. Arriving off of *Cyprus*, he was forced by bad Weather to put in to that Island, where being refused the Freedom of landing, he forcibly attacked it, and in few Days reducing the whole Country to his Obedience, appointed *Richard de Carville*, and *Robert de Turnham*, Governors thereof; when going over to *Syria* he landed there, and joining the *French King*, already arrived, laid Siege to *Acre*, then held by the Sultan of *Ægypt*, ordering his Fleet to lie before it, to prevent its receiving any Succours by Sea. Notwithstanding which, the Enemy endeavouring with their Naval Force to throw some Relief into it, the *English* engaged and entirely defeated them, taking most of their Ships, and in them two hundred and fifty Grappling Irons, a great Number of Vessels full of *Ignis Græcus* (a Composition of Pitch, Sulphur, Tartar, and other combustible Matters that would burn even in the Water) together with several Pots full of live Serpents, all which they had provided for the Destruction of the *English*, but by the Suddenness of the Victory were deprived of the Opportunity of using them. Immediately upon this, no Hopes of Succours appearing, *Acre* was surrender'd to King *Richard*, soon after which he was, by universal Consent, chosen Captain-General of all the Christian Forces in *Asia*; where having obtained several glorious Successes against the Infidels, he was at length called home by the intestine Divisions in *England*, occasioned by his Brother *John*, who in 1199 succeeded him in the Throne.

Richard I. reduces Cyprus.

The English entirely defeat the Fleet of Ægypt.

Acre surrendered to Richard King of England.

1199.

The Pope gives England to the King of France.

Upon Occasion of the Disputes between this King and his Clergy, the Pope having by his Bull deprived him of his Dominions, and transferred all Right and Title to them from him to the King of *France*, that Prince got together a great Fleet and Army, in order to take Possession of the Pope's Donative. Whereupon King *John* providing for his Defence against this Storm, assembled an Army of sixty thousand Men, with a Fleet greatly superior to that of the *French*; but upon his Submission soon after to the Pope, he was restored to all his Rights; and the *French King*, being forbid by his Holiness to proceed on this Expedition, turned his Arms against the Earl of *Flanders*, for having refused to accompany him in the Prosecution of his Design against *England*, and taking part with King *John*, who thereupon sent over to the Assistance of the said Earl his Fleet, consisting of five hundred Sail, under the Command of the Earls of *Salisbury* and *Boulogne*; and they attacking the

The Pope restores King John.

French

French Fleet on the Coast of Flanders, near Damme, entirely defeated the same, and then landing their Troops, forced the King of France to retire with great Loss into his Dominions.

King John beats the French Fleet.

King *John* was succeeded by his Son *Henry*, the Third of that Name, whose long Reign passed without any remarkable Occurrence at Sea: But his Successor *Edward I*, upon the *French King's* attacking his Dominions in *France*, fitted out a Fleet of three hundred and sixty Sail, which, with a considerable Land Force, he sent over to *Guienne*, under the Command of the Earls of *Lancaster*, *Lincoln*, and *Richmond*. Arriving in the *Garonne*, they in a short time reduced the Towns of *Bourg* and *Blaye*, upon that River, and raising the Siege of *Bourdeaux*, at length forced the Enemy entirely to quit the King's Territories. At the same time were employed at home, three Squadrons for the Defence of the Coasts against any Attempts that the *French* might make there, one on the Eastern Coast, called the *Yarmouth Squadron*, under *John de Botetort*; another on the Southern Coast, called the *Portsmouth Squadron*, commanded by *William de Leyburne*; and the third on the Western Coasts, and those of *Ireland*, under the Conduct of an *Irish Knight*, not named. Under *Edward II*, who next came to the Crown, *John Oturwin*, *Nicholas Kyriel*, and *John de Felton*, were employed in those Commands, and, on occasion of another War with *France*, took a hundred Sail of *Norman Ships*. This Prince having married *Isabel* the Daughter of *Philip the Fair*, and after her Father's Death, her three Brothers, *Lewis*, *Philip*, and *Charles*, who were successively Kings of *France*, dying without Issue, the Right of succeeding to that Crown, did of Consequence devolve to Queen *Isabel*, and in Right of her to her Son *Edward III*, who, upon the Resignation of his Father, in 1327, had been crowned King of *England*. But the *French*, under Colour of their pretended *Salique Law* passing him by, set up King *Philip VI*, surnamed *de Valois*.

Edward I. successful against France.

Three Squadrons kept to defend the English Coast.

The English Admirals take many Norman Ships.

1327.

King *Edward*, in Prosecution of his just Cause, declared War against *Philip*, and passing over to *France* with a great Army, obtained several Advantages, and having drawn the People of *Flanders* into an Alliance with him, returned to *England* to provide a strong Reinforcement for the more effectual carrying on the War. The *French* in the mean time having fitted out several Ships, committed great Depredations on the Coast of *England*, and having Advice that the King was ready to proceed with his Forces to *Flanders*, they assembled their whole Navy in the Port of *Sluys*, in order to oppose his Landing in those Parts. The *English Fleet*, nevertheless, consisting of two hundred and sixty Sail, having received the King with the Troops on board, set Sail from the *Dowes*, and arriving near *Sluys*, found the *French Ships* in three Divisions, disposed in Order of Battel. When they were come up within a convenient Distance of each other, the King having the Advantage of the Wind, made the Signal to engage, whereupon the *English*, setting up loud Huzzas, poured out from their Long-Bows such Showers of Arrows upon the Enemy as immediately covered their Decks with dead Bodies; and then boarding the *French Ships*, pursued their

Edward III. declares War against France.

The English overcome the French Fleet.

their Advantage with such Vigour, that in few Hours they gained a complete Victory, though not without the Loss of four thousand Men on their side. But the *French* lost two hundred and thirty Ships, and thirty thousand Men, most of whom were drowned; for not being able to abide the numerous Volleys of the *English* Arrows, great Multitudes of them desperately leaped into the Sea, and perished. The News of which great Loss the *French* King's Courtiers being perplexed how to communicate to him, his Jester took it upon him to do it, and going into the Presence, breaks out into the most violent Exclamations of, *Oh the cowardly English! poultry English! faint-hearted English!* Whereupon the King enquiring, *Why such Cowards? What had they done? Why,* replied he, *for not daring to jump into the Sea as your Majesty's brave Frenchmen have done.*

Edward lays
siege to Tour-
nay.

King *Edward* having entirely ruined the Enemy's Fleet, landed his Army, and marching to *Tournay*, laid siege to that Place, where after he had lain three Months, he was at length prevailed upon to grant the *French* a Truce for one Year. This was scarce expired, e'er King *Edward*, at the earnest Solicitation of *John de Monfort*, Duke of *Bretagne*, (then not annexed to the Crown of *France*) sent over a considerable Force to assist him against *Charles de Blois*, who pretended to that Duchy, and was supported in his said Pretensions by the *French* King. The Fleet which transported these Forces to *Bretagne* was commanded by *Robert d'Artois*, lately revolted from the *French*, and created Earl of *Richmond*, who being mortally wounded before *Vannes*, the King went over thither in Person with so numerous a Fleet and Army, that at one and the same time he laid siege to *Rennes*, *Vannes*, and *Nantes*, the three most considerable Cities of *Bretagne*, as also to the Town of *Dinant*, which he took by Storm; and at length, after several other Advantages, he concluded a Truce with the Enemy for three Years, and returned to *England*. This Truce was no sooner at an end, than King *Edward*, resolving to pursue his Right to the Crown of *France* with the utmost Vigour, made all suitable Preparations, and having assembled at *Portsmouth* a Fleet of a thousand Sail, embarked with his Army, and crossing over to *Normandy*, landed at *La Hogue*, from whence marching up into *Picardy*, he gained the signal Victory at *Cressy*, wherein thirty thousand of the Enemy were slain, and among them the Flower of the Nobility of *France*.

Edward as-
sists the Duke
of Bretagne.

1343.

Edward pre-
pares to in-
vade France,

and

obtains a
great Victory
at Cressy.
1346.

Shortly after this, upon occasion of some Variance between *England* and *Spain*, a Fleet of that Nation, going to *Suys* in *Flanders*, meeting in their way thither with some *English* Ships, bound home from *Gascogne*, seized ten of them, which they sunk, after they had plundered them of their Cargoes. The King, upon Advice of this, fitted out a Squadron of fifty Ships, and receiving Intelligence when the *Spanish* Ships were returning home from *Suys*, went on board the Fleet, accompanied with the Prince of *Wales*, the Earls of *Lancaster*, *Northampton*, *Warwick*, *Salisbury*, *Arun-
del*, *Huntington*, and *Glocester*, with many other Persons of Qua-
lity,

Some Spanish
Ships sink o-
thers of Eng-
land.

lity, in order to intercept them in their Passage. Off of *Winchelsey* they fell in with the *Spanish* Fleet, consisting of four and forty Sail of large *Carracks*, which, compared with those of the *English*, were like floating Castles. Approaching each other, there ensued a bloody Engagement, wherein, after a long and obstinate Dispute, the *English* Archers proving too hard for the *Spanish* Cross-bow Men, the King obtained a compleat Victory, taking seventeen of the Enemy's Ships, the rest with difficulty escaping under covert of the Night. But some time after this the Earl of *Pembroke* repairing with a strong Squadron to the Relief of *Rochelle*, then besieged by the *French*, received a great Overthrow before that Place from the united Fleet of the *French* and *Spaniards*, who took the said Earl Prisoner, and possessed themselves of all his Ships, as we have in another Place observed.

Edward defeats the Spaniards at sea.

The Earl of Pembroke overcome at Rochelle by the French and Spanish Fleets.

The French and Scots molest England.

John Philpot successful at sea.

King *Edward* dying, he was succeeded by his Grandson *Richard* II, Son of the famous Black Prince, who coming to the Crown at eleven Years of Age, the *French* and *Scots*, thinking to take Advantage of his Minority, very much infested the Coasts. Of the latter one *Mercer* appeared at the Head of a considerable Number of Ships, and committed great Spoil on the Eastern Coasts, plundering or taking all the Ships he met with: Which Insolences of his the weak Administration of that time taking no care to repress, a wealthy Citizen of *London*, one *John Philpot*, fitted out at his own Charge a Number of Frigates, and going with them himself in quest of this Rover, he in a short time came up with him, and took him Prisoner, and recovered all the Prizes which had been taken from the *English*, together with several *Spanish* and *French* Ships richly laden; notwithstanding which considerable Service, the Citizen was, upon his Return home, taken into Custody, as having levied a Force without Authority; but gave so handsome an Account of his Intentions therein at the Council-Table, that he was dismissed with Thanks. Some time after, upon the Apprehensions the Nation was in of an Invasion from the *French* King, *Charles* VI, greater Care was taken to provide for its Defence, and a considerable Fleet was fitted out under the Command of the Earls of *Arun- del* and *Nottingham*, who putting to Sea, went over to the Western Coasts of *France*, and there cruising against the Enemy, took a hundred Sail of Ships, some of them Men of War, and the rest trading Vessels laden with Wine.

Richard II. fits out a Fleet.

A hundred French Ships taken.

Henry IV. next succeeded to the Crown, in the fourth Year of whose Reign a Squadron of Ships belonging to *Bretagne* arriving at *Plimouth*, burnt that Town; to revenge which Proceeding the Western Ships were sent over to *Bretagne*, under the Command of *William* Wilford, who took forty Ships, and burnt as many; and landing at *Penmarc*, marched up into the Country, which having plundered and laid waste, he retreated with a considerable Booty to his Ships, and returned home. This however did not deter the Admiral of *Bretagne*, for he made another Attempt with his Fleet the next Year upon the Town of *Dartmouth*, where landing his Men, he vigorously attacked the Place, but was so warmly received by

Other French Ships taken and burnt.

The French in vain attempt Dartmouth.

The English
ravage the
Coasts of
Scotland.

1437.

Henry V.
lands in
France, and
fights the Bat-
tel at Agin-
court.

Harfleur in-
vested by Sea
and Land by
the French.

The French
Fleet beaten,
and Harfleur
relieved.

The Earl of
Warwick
takes some
Spanish and
Genoese
Ships.

the Townsmen, and those of the neighbouring Country, that he was forced to retire with the Loss of four hundred Men, and two hundred taken Prisoners. Shortly after this, upon occasion of a War with *Scotland*, Sir *Robert Umfrevile*, Vice-Admiral of *England*, repairing with a Squadron of ten Ships of War to the Firth of *Forth*, ravaged the Coasts on both sides for fourteen Days, and having burnt the largest Ship of that Kingdom, called the *Great Galliot*, and taken several Prizes, returned to the *English* Coasts.

King *Henry V.*, who succeeded his Father in 1437, reviving the just Pretensions of his House to the Crown of *France*, resolved on an Expedition to that Kingdom, and having got ready at *Southampton* sixteen hundred Sail of Ships, Hulks, and other Vessels, part whereof were hired from *Holland* and *Zeeland*, there embarked with his Army, and landing at *Caudebec* in *Normandy*, presently took in the Town of *Harfleur*, and soon after fought the famous Battel of *Agincourt*, to the eternal Honour of the *English* Nation. The next Campaign the *French* resolving by all means possible to attempt the Recovery of *Harfleur*, the Constable of *France* with a great Army invested it on the Land side, while the Vice-Admiral besieged it at Sea, with the whole Navy of that Kingdom. The Duke of *Exeter* commanding in the Place began to be hard pressed by the Besiegers, when the *English* Fleet, under the Command of the Duke of *Bedford*, accompanied with several other Persons of the first Quality, was ordered to repair to his Relief. Arriving in the Mouth of the *Seine*, they found the Enemy's Fleet, great part whereof consisted of *Genoese* Carracks, drawn up before the Port of *Harfleur*, and vigorously attacking them, after a Dispute of several Hours, entirely defeated them, and having sunk or taken five hundred Vessels, with three *Genoese* Carracks, went triumphantly into the Port, and relieved the Town, whereupon the Enemy's Land-Army immediately raised the Siege and retired.

During the rest of this great Prince's Reign there happened nothing remarkable at Sea; where we hear of no more Exploits of the *English* till the thirty fourth Year of his Son and Successor *Henry VI.* at which time the great Earl of *Warwick* being Lord High Admiral, and then lately entered into the Interests of the House of *Tork*, he, to secure the Fleet to that side, assembling all such Ships as were in a Readiness for Service, suddenly repaired on board the same, and went out to Sea, where he fell in with five great Carracks, three of them *Genoese*, and two *Spanish*, which, after a most resolute Defence on their side, he made himself Master of, and carry'd them into *Calais*, of which Place he was Governor. King *Henry* having appointed the Duke of *Somerfet* to succeed him in that Post, the Citizens of *Calais* were so devoted to their old Governor, that they refused him Admittance; whereupon the King ordered such of his Ships as the Earl of *Warwick* had left behind, to be got together at *Sandwich*, under the Command of the Lord *Rivers*, who was to carry over the Duke of *Somerfet* to *Calais*, and instate him by force in that Government: But while they were preparing to execute these Orders, *John Dinham*, an expert Sea-Captain of the opposite Party, repairing to *Sandwich* with a Number of Ships, attack'd

the King's Squadron, took all the Ships, and with them the Lord *Rivers*, whom he carried Prisoner to *Calais*. Hereupon the King fitted out another Squadron, which he put under the Command of Sir *Simon Monford*, Lord-Warden of the Cinque-Ports, with Orders to look to the Defence thereof, and prevent the Earl of *Warwick's* landing in those Parts. But he suddenly crossing over from *Calais*, surprized Sir *Simon Monford* with all his Ships at *Sandwich*, and having plundered the Town, retired with his Prisoners and Booty back to his Government; from whence returning in few Days after to the *English* Coasts, he landed at *Sandwich*, where being met by the Lord *Cobham*, and several others of his Party, with a great Force, he prosecuted his Quarrel ashore against the *Lancastrians* with such Success, that in few Months after the Duke of *York* was crowned King of *England* by the Name of *Edward IV.*

Dinham takes King Henry VI. his Ships at Sandwich.

Warwick from Calais surprizes the King's Ships.

Edward IV. crowned.

1461.

The *French* supporting the Interests, as much as in them lay, of the *Lancastrian* Family, King *Edward* fitted out a considerable Fleet, on board of which were embarked ten thousand Soldiers, under the Command of the Earls of *Essex* and *Kent*, and the Lords *Audley* and *Clinton*, who scouring the Seas for some time, landed at *Conquet* in *Bretagne*, and having plundered the adjacent Country, repaired thence to the Isle of *Ré*, where they did the like; and having cleared the Seas of the *French*, returned home with a great Number of Prizes. Some time after this the Earl of *Warwick* disagreeing also with King *Edward*, revolted to the House of *Lancaster*, and set King *Henry* again on the Throne; but was at length slain fighting in his Defence at the Battel of *St. Alban's*; whereupon King *Edward* was again re-established. While *Warwick* himself was prosecuting this Quarrel by Land, the beforementioned Earl of *Kent*, who was his natural Son, did the like by Sea, and having got together a considerable Number of Ships, and received on board them part of the Garrison of *Calais*, entirely devoted to the Earl of *Warwick's* Service, he caused his Ships to come up the River to *London*, and marching thither himself, with seventeen thousand Men, attempted to make himself Master of the City, but met with so vigorous a Resistance from the Citizens, that he was forced to retire with the Loss of a great Number of Men, and retreating to *Sandwich*, was pursued thither by King *Edward*, where his Adherents, upon Promise of Pardon, surrendered themselves, with all their Ships.

The English ravage the French Coasts.

Henry again set on the Throne, and soon after Edward.

The Earl of Kent endeavours to master London.

The Rebels surrender to Edward.

1485.

The two following short Reigns of *Edward V.* and his unnatural Uncle, *Richard III.* produce nothing memorable at Sea. *Henry VII.* next succeeding to the Throne, he, by marrying the Lady *Elizabeth*, Daughter to *Edward IV.* united the so long divided Houses of *Lancaster* and *York*; in the seventh Year of whose Reign, the Lord *Ravenstein*, a Subject of the Arch-Duke *Maximilian*, then also Duke of *Burgundy*, having raised a Rebellion against his Prince, and, by the Assistance of the Citizens of *Ghent* and *Bruges*, seized the Town of *Sluys*, he there got together a great Number of Ships and Barks, with which he cruised in a Piratical manner against the Ships of all Nations that he met with, without distinction. The

Ravenstein commits Piracies.

1492.

English

English Merchants having suffer'd amongst others by these Rovers, and the King being willing to support *Maximilian* against *France*, with whom he was at Variance, fitted out a Squadron under the Command of *Sir Edward Poynings*, to assist the Arch-Duke in the Reduction of them, and of the Town of *Stuys* their Receptacle. *Sir Edward Poynings* accordingly setting sail with his Squadron, cruised some Days at Sea, and then repaired before the Town of *Stuys*, and upon Notice that the Duke of *Saxony*, who was also come to *Maximilian's* Assistance, had invested it on the Land side, he laid close Siege to it by Sea, and attacking one of the two Castles wherein the Strength of the Place consisted, for twenty Days successively, was as often repul'd, though not without great Slaughter of the Enemy; but at length finding means to set fire to a Bridge of Boats by which the two Castles held Communication, the Enemy surrendered the Castles to the *English*, and the Town to the Duke of *Saxony*.

The English lay siege to Stuys by Sea.

The Castles of Stuys surrendered, with the Town. The Discoveries of Columbus.

About this time it was that *Christopher Columbus*, a *Genoese* Mariner, whether from his Consideration of the spherical Body of the Earth and Water, conjecturing that there must necessarily be some other great Track of Land between the Western Coasts of *Europe* and *Africk*, and the Eastern Coasts of *Asia*, as it were to balance and counterpoise the vast Continent we live upon; or, as some allege, being possessed of the Memoirs of an old Navigator, who had been driven by Tempests on the Coasts of *Hispaniola*, and on his Return from thence died at *Columbus's* House at *Madera*, was from thence assured of the Being of some unknown Countries to the Westward. However that was, *Columbus*, full of his new Project, made Proposals to King *Henry* of going to discover these Countries, in his Name, and to his Use; but meeting with no Encouragement from him, and having made the like Proposals, and met with the like Neglect in *Portugal*, applied himself to *Ferdinand* and *Isabella*, King and Queen of *Castile*, and was by them furnished with Ships for the Protection of his Enterprize, and happily discovering the *West-Indies*, began the Conquest thereof for that Crown, as we have already related among the *Spanish* Affairs.

About six Years after this Discovery, *John Cabot*, a *Venetian*, who was settled at *Bristol*, conjecturing from *Columbus's* Success that there might be also Lands to be found out to the North-West, presented a Memorial to the King, setting forth, that he made no doubt, if his Majesty would please to employ him, but that he could make some useful Discoveries in his Name, and find out Islands or Countries abounding with rich Commodities, as the *Genoese* Enterprizer had lately done; to which Proposal the King now lent a willing Ear, and fitting out a Ship from *Bristol*, gave *Cabot* the Command of her, with a Commission for the Discovery of Lands then unknown, and annexing them to the Crown of *England*. To this Ship some Merchants of *London* joining three more, laden with such slight Commodities as were thought proper for Commerce with barbarous People, *Cabot* departed with them from *Bristol*, and (as *Sir Henry Gilbert* relates it, who was employed afterwards by Queen *Elizabeth*

1498. The Discoveries of John Cabot.

beth on the like Services) failed very far Westward with a Quarter of the North, on the North side of *Terre de Labrador*, till he came into the Latitude of $67\frac{1}{2}$ Degrees, and finding the Seas still open, might and would, as he affirmed, have gone to *Cathay*, if he had not been prevented by the Dissensions between the Master and the Mariners. But this we find, by the Discoveries made in those Parts since that time, was more than he could have performed. However after this, he and his Son *Sebastian*, during the rest of this King's Reign, made several Voyages that way, and discovered the Island of *Baccalaos*, now much better known by the Name of *Newfoundland*, together with the rest of the North-East Parts of *America*, (where now we have so many flourishing Colonies) as far as the Cape of *Florida*; and landing in several Places, took Possession thereof in the Name of the King of *England*.

Newfoundland, &c. discovered.

King *Henry* dying in 1509, was succeeded by his Son *Henry VIII*; in the beginning of whose Reign one *Andrew Briton*, a Scots Man, who had obtained Letters of Marque from his Prince against the *Flemings*, and other the Subjects of the King of *Spain*, under Colour of that Power practised Piracy upon our Coasts, where he seized and plundered several Ships, on pretence of their carrying *Spanish* Goods. To repress this Insolence, Sir *Edward Howard*, Lord High Admiral, and his Brother Sir *Thomas*, were sent out with two Ships, who meeting with *Briton*, off the *Goodwin* Sands, with the like Number, engaged him, and after a long and obstinate Fight, wherein the *Scotsmen* was slain, took both the Ships, and brought them to *London*, where the Men, upon their Submission to the King's Mercy, were discharged and sent home.

1509.

Andrew Briton, a Scots Man, turns Pirate.

Briton reduced, and his Ships taken.

Shortly after this King *Henry* declaring War against *France*, Sir *Edward Howard* repaired with a Squadron to the Coasts of *Bretagne*, where landing at *Conquet*, and other Places, he burned several Towns, and destroyed the Country for many Miles from the Sea. Whereupon the *French* using all Diligence to get together a great Fleet, the King reinforced his Admiral with five and twenty stout Men of War, which he put under the Command of the principal Persons about him. The largest Ship, called the *Regent*, of a thousand Tuns, was commanded by Sir *Thomas Knevet*, Master of the Horse; as the next Ship, called the *Sovereign*, was by Sir *Charles Brandon*, assisted by Sir *Henry Guilford* with sixty Yeomen of the Guard. This Fleet going over to the Coasts of *Bretagne* to watch the Motions of the *French*, arrived before *Brest* just as their Fleet, consisting of thirty nine Sail, was coming out from that Harbour, which they immediately attacking, a sharp Engagement ensued, wherein, at the first Charge, the two capital Ships on each side, to wit, the *English Regent*, and the *French Cordeliere*, being close grappled together, were accidentally set on fire and consumed, together with all the Officers and Scamen on board; the Sight whereof so dismayed the *French*, that they made the best of their way, without striking another Stroke, into *Brest*, and other Places adjacent.

Henry VIII. declares War against France.

The French Fleet forced to fly by the English.

The King intending the following Campaign to make an Expedition to *France* in Person; thought it proper beforehand to have the Sea cleared, if possible, by the Destruction of the *French* Fleet, and therefore early the next Spring the Lord High Admiral was sent out with forty two Ships of War, besides several small Vessels, who repairing to the Coasts of *Bretagne*, received Intelligence that the *French* Fleet, which lay ready to sail in *Brest*, being in daily Expectation of being joined by six Gallies from the Mediterranean, under the Command of Monsieur *Pregent*, had determined to continue in that Port till their Arrival. Whereupon the Lord-Admiral thinking it most advisable to attack the Enemy before their Junction with the Gallies, entered the Harbour of *Brest* with his Fleet, where the *French* had secured themselves with several Batteries raised on both sides the Harbour, together with a Range of twenty four Hulks, linked together, to defend their Ships from our Fire. The Lord-Admiral immediately on his entering the Mouth of the Harbour, sending out several Boats as if he intended to land there, drew all the *French*, to the Number of above ten thousand, down to the Shore, while he going up higher, landed over against *Brest*, and burnt the Country, in sight of the Castle: But being in want of Provisions, which were daily expected, he desisted from making any farther Attempts till he should receive that Supply. In the mean time Monsieur *Pregent*, with six Gallies and four Foists, arrived in the Bay of *Conquet*, the Place nearest to *Brest* which he could put into, where fearing he should be attacked by the *English*, who he understood were in *Brest* Harbour, he secured himself between two Rocks, which had Bulwarks on them well furnished with Ordnance. Notwithstanding this advantageous Posture, Sir *Edward Howard* resolved to attack him, and having two Gallies with him in the Fleet, went on board one of them himself, and committed the other to the Lord *Ferrers*, with which, accompanied with only two Barges, and two other Boats, he went into the Bay of *Conquet*, and coming along side of Monsieur *Pregent*, ordered his own Gally to be lashed to the Enemy's, which he immediately enter'd with Sword in Hand, attended with seventeen Men; but his Gally, by some Accident, swinging off, he was left in the Hands of his Enemies, who bore him over with their Pikes into the Sea, undistinguish'd from the rest of his Followers. The Lord *Ferrers* seeing the Admiral's Gally fall off, and having spent all his Shot, retired with the other Vessels, not knowing but that the Admiral was safe; but he being at length missed, the *English* sent a Flag of Truce to the Enemy to know what Prisoners were taken, who made answer none but one Mariner, who said that a Person they had pushed over-board with their Pikes was their Admiral: Whereupon the Fleet, now without a Commander, returned to the *English* Coasts. Thither Monsieur *Pregent*, encourag'd by this little Success, soon followed, and landing in *Suffex*, spoiled the Country, but was presently repulld; and Sir *Thomas Howard*, who succeeded his Brother as High Admiral, putting to Sea with a Squadron of clean Ships, soon forced him to retire, and clearing the Seas of the *French*, assisted in transporting the

The English
destroy the
Country a-
bout Brest.

The Lord High
Admiral Ho-
ward loses his
Life.

The French do
some Mischief
in Suffex.

the King and his Army to *Calais*, who marching into the *French Territories*, invested *Terouenne*, and having defeated the Enemy who attempted to relieve it, soon forced it to surrender, and then in a short time reducing *Tournay*, returned to *England*.

Henry VIII. lands at Calais, and defeats the French.

Presently after this a Treaty of Peace was set on foot, but not concluded till some Years were expired, and then it proving but of short Duration, the King enter'd into an Alliance with the Emperor *Charles V.* against *France*, who, pursuant to an Agreement made with King *Henry*, joined his Navy, consisting of a hundred and eighty Sail, to the *English Fleet*, under the Command of Sir *Thomas Howard*, High Admiral, now made Earl of *Surrey*; who, with the King's leave, receiving a Commission from the Emperor to be his High Admiral also, repaired with the united Fleets over to the Coast of *Normandy*, and landing at *Cherbourg*, destroyed the adjacent Country, and returned to *Portland*. Thence proceeding in a few Days to *Morlaix* in *Bretagne*, he landed there, and taking the Town by Storm, sacked it, and having burnt seventeen Sail of *French Ships* on the Coast, detached a Squadron to continue cruising at Sea under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Fitz-Williams*, and repaired himself with the rest of the Fleet to *Southampton*, where the Emperor lay ready to embark for *Spain*, whom receiving on board, he in few Days landed him at *St. Andrew's* in *Biscay*.

The Emperor joins the English Fleet against France.

The united Powers do Mischief in France.

The next Summer a Squadron of six and thirty Sail was put under the Command of Sir *William Fitz-Williams*, to cruise on the Coasts of *France*, in order to intercept the Duke of *Albany* in his Passage from that Kingdom to *Scotland*, whereof he was Regent; who, meeting with twelve *French Ships*, which had on board several of the *Scottish Nobility*, forced them back into the Ports of *Dieppe* and *Boulogne*, where leaving some Ships to block them up, he proceeded with the rest along the *French Coast*, and landing in several Places, wasted the Country, and at length coming to *Treport*, he attacked that Town, and having burnt the Suburbs, and destroyed all the Ships in the Haven, returned to the *English Coasts* with a considerable Booty. Of this Sir *William Fitz-Williams* it hath been observed, that there was not a serviceable Man under him whose Name he knew not, not a Week passed but he paid his Ships, not a Prize but his Seamen shared in as well as himself, it being his Rule that none fought well but those which did it for a Fortune.

The English Ships waste the French King's Country.

Character of Sir William Fitz-Williams.

After this Expedition we meet with no more at Sea till the 36th Year of this King's Reign, when his Majesty entering into a War against *Scotland*, the Lord *Lisle*, who succeeded the Earl of *Surrey* as Lord High Admiral, was ordered with the Fleet to invade that Kingdom, and having received on board at *Newcastle* the Earl of *Hertford*, Lieutenant-General of the North, and other Persons of Quality, with a considerable Body of Troops, proceeded thence to *Leith*, and there landing his Men, the *English* soon made themselves Masters of that Place, as also of the City of *Edinburgh*, which they burnt for three Days together, and were there joined by the Lord

The English invade Scotland.

Edinburgh burnt, as at Leith.

Evers, Warden of the East Marches, at the Head of a Land-Army. But not being able to take the Citadel, the Lord Admiral and the Lord-General retreated to *Leith*, to which setting fire, they re-embarked, and having scoured the Coasts of *Scotland*, and taken out of the Havens and Creeks all such Vessels as they found there, made the best of their way home; while the Land Army burnt *Seton*, *Haddington*, and *Dunbar*, and having destroyed all the Country in its March, retreated in Safety to *Berwick*.

Other Places burnt in Scotland.

At this time the King was also engaged in a War with *France*, whither having shortly after sent over an Army of thirty thousand Men, he followed himself in a Ship which had Sails of Cloth of Gold, and landing at *Calais*, proceeded thence to *Boulogne*, and formed the Siege of that Town by Land, while the Lord High Admiral attacked it with a Fleet by Sea; which being performed with great Vigour on both sides, the Town was in a few Days surrendered to the King upon Terms. For the Recovery of this important Place out of the Hands of the *English*, the *French* King assembles all his Navy on the Coast of *Normandy*, under the Command of Monsieur d'Annebault, Admiral of France, which having also reinforced with a Squadron of five and twenty Gallies from the Mediterranean, commanded by *Paulin*, Baron de la Garde, he ordered them to continue in a Readiness to repair before *Boulogne*, and prevent its being relieved by Sea, while he should besiege it by Land. But all things being not yet ready for forming that Siege, he gave Directions that the Fleet should make some Attempts on the *English* Coasts; which accordingly standing over to *St. Helen's* for that purpose, King *Henry*, who, upon Advice of the Enemy's Preparations, was gone down to *Portsmouth* to hasten the fitting out of the Fleet, ordered his Ships to sail out to *Spithead*, and oppose the Enemy; but in their Passage thither, the *Mary-Rose*, one of the largest of them, commanded by Sir *George Carew*, by a little Sway of the Ship, (her Ports being made within sixteen Inches of the Water) was overfet and lost, with her whole Company. The rest, to the Number of sixty, exchanged some Shot with the *French* till Night parted them, and then they returned. The next Morning the Enemy landed several Men in the Isle of *Wight*, but were presently repulsed; nevertheless they soon landed again, and began to deliberate about reducing and keeping the Island; but as that could not be done without erecting Forts, for which Men and Time were wanting, they re-embarked, and their Fleet made Sail for *Portet*, near *Boulogne*, in their way to which Place they landed some Men in *Suffex*, which were repulsed with considerable Loss. Having put ashore four thousand Men at *Portet*, and the Wind coming up East-erly, they again came over to our Coasts; upon Advice whereof, the King gave Orders that his Fleet should offer the Enemy Battel, which they at length accepted, and a sharp Engagement ensued for two Hours, till Night parted the two Fleets, when the *French* retired to *Havre de Grace*, and appeared no more. The Lord High Admiral followed them soon after to the Coasts, and landed six thousand Men at *Treport*, and having burnt that Town and Abby, together

Henry VIII. besieges Boulogne by Sea and Land.

The French endeavour to recover Boulogne.

The French land in the Isle of Wight.

The English and French Fleets engage.

Treport, and some French Ships burnt.

together with thirty Ships which lay in the Haven, retreated with the Loss of only fourteen Men.

The next Campaign the *French* renewed their Attempts against *Boulogne*, and, in order to cut off its Communication with *Calais*, endeavoured to seize *Ambleteuse*, where they intended to fortify; but were prevented therein by the Diligence of the Lord-Admiral, and Earl of *Hertford*, who transporting an Army of nine thousand Men to that Place, encamped in the Neighbourhood; mean while, the Fleet had several Skirmishes with that of the Enemy's on those Coasts; where, particularly before *Ambleteuse*, eight of the King's Ships engaged an equal Number of the *French* Gallies, and, after a warm Dispute, took one of them, and forced the rest to retire.

Skirmishes at Sea off of Boulogne, &c. 1546.

King *Henry* dying the next Year, he was succeeded by his Son *Edward VI.*, in the Beginning of whose Reign a War breaking out with *Scotland*, a Fleet and Army were got ready for the Invasion of that Kingdom, the latter under the Command of the Duke of *Somerset*, and the former of the Lord *Clinton*; who, whilst the Land Army marched into *Scotland*, and gained the Victory at *Muselburgh*, with four and twenty Men of War, one Gally, and thirty other Vessels, scoured the Coasts, and landing in several Places, destroyed the Country. Shortly after this a War ensuing with *France*, the *French* King intending to reduce the Islands of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, the only Remains we had now left of the Duchy of *Normandy*, fitted out a strong Squadron, which conducted thither a Body of two thousand Men: But Captain *William Winter* being immediately sent over with some Ships, and eight hundred Soldiers, he, notwithstanding the Enemy's great Superiority, attacked them with such Vigour, that they were forced to retire with the Loss of a thousand Men, and the Destruction of their Gallies.

Edward VI. invades Scotland by Sea and Land.

The French attempt Guernsey and Jersey without Success.

Some time after this, upon Proposals laid before the King by *Sebastian Cabot*, (who for his great Skill in Cosmography and Navigation, was retained in his Service with an honourable Pension) three Ships were fitted out at the Publick Charge for the Discovery of the North-East Passage to *China* and the *Indies*. They were put under the Command of Sir *Hugh Willoughby*, who departing from the *Thames*, sailed to the North Cape, (where one of his Ships left him and returned home) and proceeding farther Northwards, discovered that part of *Greenland*, since called by the *Dutch* *Spitzberg*; but the Severity of the Cold obliging him to return to the Southward, he was forced by bad Weather into the River *Arzina*, in *Muscovite Lapland*, from whence being not able to come out, he was found there the next Spring frozen to Death, with all his Ship's Company, having the Notes of his Voyage, and his last Will lying before him, whereby it appeared that he lived till *January*. But *Richard Chancellor*, in the third Ship, with better Success, after many Difficulties and Dangers, penetrated to *Archangel* in *Muscovy*, being the first Person who discovered the Passage to that Place; from whence, in the fourth Year of *Queen Mary*, after having made another Voyage thither, he brought over an Ambassador of the *Czar* of *Muscovy's*, with Presents to the Queen, and an Invitation

1553.

Willoughby sent to discover the N. E. Passage to China.

Greenland discovered.

Chancellor penetrates to Archangel.

1557.

Chancellor
drowned in
his Return.

to settle a Trade to those Parts; but the Ship was cast away on the Coast of *Scotland*, where *Chancellor* in saving the Ambassador was himself unfortunately drowned.

Queen Mary
assists the Spaniards.

Queen *Mary* about this Time engaging in a War with *France*, on Account of her Husband King *Philip* of *Spain*, the Earl of *Pembroke* was sent over into *Picardy* with seven thousand Men, to the Assistance of the *Spanish* Troops then besieging *St. Quintin*, whether the King presently after repairing, they greatly contributed to the signal Victory he obtained over the *French* that came to its Relief, as also to the Reduction of the Town, which was taken by Storm a few Days after, wherein the *English* were the foremost on the Attack. This Loss the *French* shortly after severely revenged on the *English*; for the Duke of *Guise*, in the midst of Winter setting down with a great Army before *Calais*, which was very ill provided for Defence, carried on his Attacks with such Vigour, that in a Week's Time he had the Town surrendered to him, after it had been in our Hands above two hundred Years. The Queen was inconsolably grieved for the Loss of this Place; but to be revenged in some measure on the *French* King, he sent out the Lord *Clinton*, her High Admiral, with a Fleet of a hundred and ten Sail, who being joined also by King *Philip's* Admiral of the *Netherlands*, with thirty *Flemish* Ships, was ordered, if he judged it feasible, to attempt the Reduction of *Brest*. Sailing to the Coasts of *Bretagne*, he found that Design impracticable, but landing at *Conquet*, presently possessed himself of that Town, which he sacked and burnt, together with the Abby, and several other Places in the Neighbourhood, and then returned on board the Fleet with a very considerable Booty; but the *Flemings* straggling farther up into the Country were most of them cut off in their Retreat.

St. Quintin
taken by
Storm.

The French
take Calais.

The English
take and burn
Conquet, &c.

CHAPTER XVII.

Of the Naval Transactions of the English during the Reign of Queen Elizabeth.

1558.

QUEEN *Mary* dying in few Months after this Expedition, she was, happily for the Protestant Religion and the Liberties of *England*, succeeded by that glorious Princess Queen *Elizabeth*, who, in the Beginning of her Reign, coming to a Resolution of supporting the Protestant Party in *Scotland* against the Encroachments of the *French* (who, on Occasion of *Francis* II. his Marriage with *Mary* Queen of *Scots*, had usurped the whole Government, and committed great Disorders in that Kingdom) fitted out a Squadron under the Command of *William Winter*, Master of the Naval Ordnance, to act in Concert with the Land Forces which he intended to send into that Kingdom. Captain *Winter* proceeding with his Ships to the *Firth* of *Forth*, sailed up to *Leith* Road, where

Queen Elizabeth aids the Protestants in Scotland.

where several of the *French* Ships riding at Anchor, he attacked and took them, and then blocking up the Island of *Inch-Keith*, which was defended by a *French* Garrison, reduced the Enemy to great Streights for want of Provisions; and, by this time the Army under the Lord *Grey* being advanced to *Leith*, formed the Siege of that Town, wherein Captain *Winter* render'd considerable Service with his Ships. Within the Place was a numerous Body of *French* Troops, who defended themselves with great Courage and Bravery for several Weeks; but at length the *French* King, who was sensible 'twas impossible otherwise to prevent their falling into our Hands, made Proposals of Peace, wherein every thing being offered that the Queen could desire, the same was in few Days concluded, and the Fleet and Army returned to *England*.

Siege laid to Leith.

The French King makes Proposals of Peace.

The King of *Spain*, and other *Roman* Catholick Potentates, perceiving the Queen inflexible in her Resolutions for the Support and Maintenance of the Protestant Religion, began to shew several Marks of their Indignation; wherefore the Queen, wisely providing for her Security against a future Storm, took Care to furnish her Magazines with Stores of War, cast several Pieces of Brass, and Iron Ordnance, and caused great Quantities of Gunpowder to be wrought up at home, which was the first that was made in *England*, and building a considerable Number of Ships, got together the most formidable Fleet that ever *Britain* had been Mistress of; for Defence whereof she rais'd a Fortrefs upon the Banks of the River *Medway*, where the Ships had their ordinary Station, which from a neighbouring Village was called *Upnore* Castle; and also greatly increased the Wages of the Naval Officers, and the Seamen: So that, says Mr. *Cambden*, she was justly stiled by Foreigners the Restorer of Naval Glory, and the Queen of the Northern Seas. In Imitation of this laudable Example of the Queen's, many of her wealthy Subjects who lived near the Sea-Coasts, set themselves to building of Ships, so that in a short time those of the Crown, and of private Persons, were become so numerous as, on Occasion of any Naval War, might employ twenty thousand Men. The good Effects of these Preparations were shortly after seen in the War the Queen undertook in Behalf of the Protestants of *France*, wherein, besides the Land Forces she sent over into *Normandy* to their Assistance, her Ships scouring the Seas, sorely distressed their Enemies by taking great Numbers of Prizes from them, and at length totally interrupting their Trade.

1562.

The Queen supplies her Magazines,

and provides a potent Fleet.

1562.

The English take many Prizes.

1567.

Hawkins goes to the Spanish West-Indies.

Some time after this, *John Hawkins*, a Person of singular Skill in Navigation, making a Voyage with five Ships to *Guinea*, and thence with Slaves to the *Spanish* West-Indies, as he was going into the Port of *St. Juan de Ullua*, fell in with the *Spanish* Flota, which he could easily, if he so pleased, have prevented from entering that Place, but resolving to do nothing in Violation of the Peace, he only required of them Security for him and his, and Liberty of Trade, to which the *Spaniards* willingly agreed, but watching their Opportunity, they a few Days after perfidiously fell on the *English*, and killing several of them, seized and plundered three of their Ships.

The Spaniards perfidious to the English.

Ships. The News of this no sooner arrived in *England* but all the Seafaring People were in a Flame, and impatient to be revenged on the *Spaniards* for their Treachery. Soon after which King *Philip* prohibiting Commerce with *England*, and endeavouring to debauch the Duke of *Norfolk* and Earl of *Ormonde* from their Allegiance, who discovered his Intrigues, it is incredible with what Alacrity the *English* put to Sea, and cruised against the *Spaniards*, inasmuch that the Queen was forced to put a stop to their Depredations, by a Proclamation forbidding the buying any Goods or Merchandize of those Cruizers.

The English
do great harm
to the Spanish
Trade.

1573.
The French
Protestants
powerful at
Sea.

but
are dispersed,

1576.

The English
reduce the
Privateers of
Zealand and
Holland.
Forbisher goes
to discover the
North-West
Passage.

In the Year 1573, the *French* Protestants, who had taken to the Sea, grew so numerous and powerful, that they committed Spoil without Distinction on all they met, and plundered several *English* Ships, whereupon a Squadron was sent out under the Command of *William Holstock*, Comptroller of the Navy, who retook several of the *English* Ships, and seizing some of those Cruizers, dispersed the rest, and cleared the Seas of them for some time.

In 1576 the Privateers of *Zealand* and *Holland* committing the like Depredations on the *English* Merchant Ships, under pretence that they supplied their Enemies, the *Dunkirkers*, with Provisions, and carried on a collusive Trade with *Spain* for the *Antwerpians* and others, the same Officer was also sent with some Ships against them, who took above two hundred of their Mariners, and threw them into several Prisons on the Coasts. The same Year some Citizens of *London*, in Hopes of discovering the North-West Passage to *Tartary* and *China*, fitted out three Ships to attempt the same, under *Martin Forbisher*, who sailing to *North-America*, entered a Streight in the Latitude of 63 Degrees, but being prevented from proceeding farther by the Ice, tho' it were so early as the Month of *August*, he returned to *England*; and notwithstanding this ill Success prosecuted the same Design two Years after, but it proved to no better Purpose.

About this time began Captain *Francis Drake* to acquire a great Reputation for his Exploits at Sea. He had been one of the Adventurers with the beforemention'd Mr. *Hawkins*, and in that Expedition lost all his Fortune, which he had, with great Industry, been long acquiring; but about five Years after having, in the Service of the Merchants, and in cruising against the *Spaniards* in the Narrow Seas, muster'd up a little more Money, he provided himself with a good Ship, well equipped for War, and two small Vessels, with which he resolv'd to make good his Losses from the *Spaniards* in the *West-Indies*; and tho' he was not furnished with Letters of Marque to justify his Proceedings, yet as *England* and *Spain* were then at very ill Terms, he boldly made use of the general Licence of the Times, and with these Ships proceeding to the *Isthmus* of *Darien*, he there made himself Master of the Town of *Nombre de Dios*, which he soon after lost; but meeting with Intelligence from some fugitive *Blacks*, that there was a great Quantity of Gold and Silver coming from *Panama*, he seized it by the Way, and carried all the Gold on Shipboard, but the Silver being not so portable

Capt. Francis
Drake goes a-
gainst the Spa-
niards.

table

table over the Mountains, he left Part of it, and buried the rest in the Ground. He then burnt a rich Storehouse of *Merchandizes* upon the River *Chagre*, called *Venta de Cruz*, and while he was ranging about the Country, discovering the South Sea from the Mountains, he was immediately inflamed with a Desire to navigate thither, and falling on his Knees implored the Divine Assistance therein, and binding himself by a Vow to attempt that Voyage, could never be at Peace in his Mind till he undertook it.

Drake discovers the South-Sea.

But before he was in a Readiness to proceed, one *John Oxenham*, who had served under him in this last Voyage, and several others, having observed how defenceless the *Spaniards* were in those Parts, and with what Ease he might make a Fortune to himself, instead of sharing a small Portion under another, he, with the little Money he had scraped together, provided himself of a Ship, and sailed to the same Place; where understanding the Convoy from *Panama* to *Porto Bello* was guarded by Soldiers, he drew up his Vessel into a woody Place, and covering it with Boughs, to prevent any Notice of his Arrival, marched with his Company over the Mountains, to a River that discharges itself into the Bay of *Panama*, where building a Galliot, he fell down with her into the said Bay, and went over to the *Pearl Islands*, a convenient Station for intercepting the Plate Ships coming from *Lima* to *Panama*, of which he in a short time took two, with sixty pounds Weight of Gold, and an hundred of Silver. An Account of this being soon dispersed by the *Spaniards* whom he set on shore from those Ships, a Body of a hundred Men were presently sent out in Quest of these new Invaders, and after some Search, they met with *Oxenham* and his Men as they were quarrelling about dividing the Spoil, who, on the *Spaniards* Approach, however made head against them tho' they were not half the Enemy's Number, but being at length overpowered, they were all either killed, or taken Prisoners, of which latter *Oxenham* being one, was carried to *Lima*, where he was examined whether he had any Authority from his Queen for such Proceedings, and not being able to produce any Commission, he was put to Death with his Companions, as a Pirate.

Oxenham goes against the Spaniards.

Oxenham put to Death by the Spaniards.

1577. Drake proceeds on his Voyage to the South-Sea.

Drake, in the mean time, altogether ignorant of *Oxenham's* Adventure, set Sail, in *December 1577*, from *Plymouth* on his intended Voyage for the *South-Sea*, with five Ships and a hundred sixty three Seamen, and in five and twenty Days came off of *Cape Cantin* in *Barbary*, from whence proceeding to the *Cape Verde Islands*, he took in Refreshments at the Isle of *May*, and thence went over to *St. Jago*, the principal of those Islands, where he seized a *Portuguese* Ship laden with Wine, which he brought off with him, and dismissing her Company retained the Master of her, in order to make use of him for a Pilot on the Coasts of *Brasil*, with which he found him to be well acquainted. Thence setting Sail on his Voyage, he passed by *Fuego* and *Brava*, the two Southermost of those Islands, and crossing the *Æquinoctial Line*, he, after having been fifty five Days without seeing Land, arrived in Sight of *Brasil*. Coasting along that Country he came to the Mouth of *Rio de la Plata*, and

thence proceeding Southward arrived at the Port of *St. Julian*, where he found a Gibbet erected, as was supposed by *Magellan* for the Punishment of Mutineers; at which Place having occasion to animadvert upon *John Doughty*, a stout Seaman, but mutinous and turbulent, (who was the next in Command to himself) he brought him to his Trial, and being by a Jury of twelve Persons condemned to Death, he was there beheaded.

John Doughty
ty beheaded.

Prosecuting his Voyage from hence he arrived some time after with three Ships (for the two least he had before turned adrift in the Streights of *Magellan*, which having passed, after a difficult Navigation of sixteen Days, he came out into the great *South-Sea*, where meeting with very tempestuous Weather, he was forced back to the Westward near a hundred Leagues, and his Ships separated, one whereof, commanded by *John Winter*, returned through the Streight, and arrived safe in *England*, being the first Ship that ever came back that Way. *Drake*, with his single Ship was driven into 55 Degrees of South Latitude, from whence, with great Difficulty, he got up again into the Height of the Streight, and proceeded thence along the Coast of *Chili* to the Island *Moucha*, where he had Intelligence from an *Indian*, who took our Men for *Spaniards*, that a large *Spanish* Ship lay laden at *Val Paraiso*, and sailing thither in search thereof, the *Spaniards* on board, supposing the *English* coming toward them to be some of their own Countrymen, beat their Drums, and drinking full Cups to them, received them with all Testimonies of Joy; but the *English*, clapping them on board, immediately thrust them under the Hatches, and possessed themselves of the Ship; which done they plundered the neighbouring Town of *St. Jago*, together with the Chapel, the Spoil of which latter, with a generous Justice, was bestowed on the Chaplain of *Drake's* Ship. The *Spaniards* he put on shore, but carried away the Master with the Ship, wherein was four hundred Pounds Weight of *Baldivian* Gold.

Drake comes
into the
South-Sea.

St. Jago taken
by Drake.

After this he landed at *Tarapasa*, where finding a *Spaniard* asleep upon the shore, with thirteen Bars of Silver by him, to the Value of four hundred thousand Ducats, he caused them to be carried off without so much as waking the Man. Then entering the Port of *Arica*, he found there three Ships with not a Man on board them, in which were, besides other Merchandizes, fifty seven Wedges of Silver, each weighing twenty Pounds. Hence he proceeded to *Lima*, the Capital of *Peru*, where he seized twelve Ships, and in them great Quantities of Silk, with a Chest full of coined Money, but they had not so much as a Boy on board any one of them, so great was the Security on those Coasts, where, by reason of their great Distance and Remoteness from *Europe*, they feared no Enemies; nor indeed had ever any one but *Magellan*, before *Drake*, navigated those Seas, except the *Spaniards* themselves, who built there all the Ships they had in those Parts.

Spanish Ships
seized at
Lima.

Having set these Ships adrift, he, with all the Sail he could make, gave Chace to the *Cacosogo*, a very rich Ship, which he understood had lately sailed from thence for *Panama*, and by the Way met with a *Brigantine*, out of which he took eighty Pound Weight of Gold.

Gold, a Crucifix of the same Metal, some Emeralds of a Finger's Length, and some Munition. In few Days after he came up with the *Cacofogo*, and thooting her Foremast by the Board, presently made himself Master of her, wherein, besides Pearls and precious Stones, he took eighty Pounds Weight of Gold, thirteen Chests full of Silver coined, and so great a Quantity of other Silver as would almost serve to ballast a Ship. Having removed all this into his own Ship, he let the *Cacofogo* go, the Master whereof, at parting, is reported to have thus merrily bidden him farewell; " We resign the Name of our Ship to yours: Let that for the future be called the *Cacofogo*, that is, (if the Interpretation offend not) the *Shite-fire*; and ours the *Cacoplata*, that is, the *Shite-plate*."

A Spanish Carrack taken by Drake

Captain *Drake*, continuing his Course to the Northward, sailed along the Coast of *Mexico*, and landing at *Aguatulco* sacked that Town; and having now made more than sufficient Reprisals on the *Spaniards* for his former Losses, resolved to make the best of his Way to *England*, to which he boldly attempted to find a Passage by *North America*, sailing to the Latitude of 42 Degrees on that Coast, but then meeting with nothing but Severity of Cold, and open Shores covered with Snow, he came back into the Latitude of 38, and there putting into a convenient Harbour in the North Parts of *California*, met with a very kind Reception from the *Indians* inhabiting the same, who by many significant Tokens offered to make him their King. To this Country he thought fit to give the Name of *New Albion*, and raising a Pillar put an Inscription thereon, containing the Date of the Year, the Name of Queen *Elizabeth*, and their Arrival there, and under it some of the Queen's Coin.

Leaving this Coast, he made Sail to the Westward, and at length arriving at the *Moluccas*, he was kindly entertained by the King of *Ternate*, one of those Islands; from whence departing, he prosecuted his Voyage through those dangerous Seas so bespread with Islands and Rocks, where his Ship striking upon a blind Rock, stuck fast for twenty seven Hours, which put all the Company in Despair, but when they had lighten'd her, by throwing over board eight of her Guns, and some Merchandise, a bearing Gale of Wind fortunately took her in the Quarter, and heaved her off. Then touching at *Java*, where he received great Civility from one of the Kings of the Island, he continued his Course for the Cape of *Good Hope*, and thence to *Rio Grande* in *Negroland*, where taking in Water he made the best of his Way for *England*, and at length happily arrived at *Plimouth*, from whence he first set out, having in three Years sailed round the Globe, to the great Admiration of all Men. The Queen received Captain *Drake* very graciously, and the Ship being brought round to *Deptford*, was laid up in a Dock there, and consecrated, with great Ceremony, as a Monument of so successful a Navigation about the World, at which time the Queen honoured the Captain with her Presence on board at Dinner, and conferr'd upon him the Dignity of Knighthood.

Drake comes to the Moluccas, and other Places.

1580.
Drake returns to England.

Whilst *Drake* was thus prosperously sailing round the Globe, *Jackman* and *Pett*, two noted Pilots, were sent out by some Mer-

Jackman and Pett sent to find a North East Passage.

Gilbert goes
to settle at
Newfound-
land.

1583.

charts of *London*, in search of a Passage by the North East, through the Northern Ocean, to *China* and the *Indies*, in pursuit whereof they sailed a few Leagues beyond the Streights of *Weygatz*, where they met with such uncertain Tides, so many Shelves, and such Mountains of Ice, that they were prevented from proceeding any farther, and had very much to do to get back again into the main Sea. About this time also Sir *Humphrey Gilbert*, a Gentleman of great Reputation, and a very enterprizing Genius, set himself about planting a Colony in *Newfoundland*, which we before mentioned to have been discovered by the *Cabots*. He sold his Estate for the more effectual carrying on that Design, but suffered so much by Shipwrecks, and Want of Provisions, that the Project became frustrate, and he was himself, in his Return from that Place to *England*, unfortunately drowned.

1585.

Queen Elizabeth sends
Drake to the
West Indies.

St. Domingo
and Carthage-
na taken by
Drake.

Other Places
taken by
Drake.

Queen *Elizabeth* resolving at length to take the States of the United Provinces into her Protection, thought fit to make a publick Declaration thereof in the Year 1585; but well knowing the King of *Spain* would keep no Measures with her for the future, that she might find him Employment abroad, she sent out Sir *Francis Drake*, now made an Admiral, to the *West-Indies*, with a Fleet of one and twenty Sail, having above two thousand Land-men on board, under the Command of *Christopher Carlisle*: Who taking the *Cape Verde* Islands in their Way, landed in *St. Jago*, and surprizing the chief Town of the same Name, sacked the Place, and carried off a considerable Booty: And thence proceeding to *Hispaniola*, they made themselves Masters of the Town of *St. Domingo*, the Inhabitants whereof having redeemed it from being burnt, with five and twenty thousand Ducats, the Fleet sailed over to *Carthagena*, which, after a short Defence, was also taken by Storm, and ranfomed for a hundred and ten thousand Ducats, which were shared among the Seamen and Soldiers. The Calenture that raged amongst the Men taking off many of them, the Admiral laid aside his Design of attacking *Nombre de Dios*, and setting Sail for *England*, passed between *Cuba* and *Jucatan*, and going along the Coast of *Florida*, seized and burnt *St. Anthony's* and *St. Helen's*, two small Towns the *Spaniards* had abandoned; whence continuing his Course along the shore, he came to a Colony, settled by Sir *Walter Raleigh*, in a Country, by him called *Virginia*, in Honour of his Virgin Mistress Queen *Elizabeth*. But the Planters being reduced to a small Number, and distressed for Want of Provisions, the Admiral at their earnest Request, took them on board, with their Governor, *Ralph Lane*, and brought them Home. Thus concluded this Expedition, the Booty taken from the Enemy being valued at threecore thousand Pound, besides two hundred Pieces of Brass and Iron Cannon, but with the Loss of seven hundred Men, who all, or most of them, died of the Calenture.

1585.
Davis sent to
discover a
new Passage
to India.

Whilst these things were doing in the torrid Zone, *John Davis*, with two Ships fitted out at the Charge of *William Saunderson*, attempted to discover a Passage through the North West Parts of *America* to the *East-Indies*, and penetrating as far as to the Latitude

of

of 66 Degrees, discovered the Streight which still bears his Name; when returning home full of hopes of perfecting the Discovery, he went again the next Year, and obtained some farther Knowledge of the Seas in those Parts; which encouraged him to undertake a third Voyage, wherein he reached as far as 83 Degrees of North Latitude; but not being able to proceed any farther for the Ice, he returned to *England*.

Some time after this, when, upon the putting to Death of *Mary Queen of Scots*, *Queen Elizabeth* understood the King of *Spain* was making a great Naval Armament against her, she sent out Sir *Francis Drake* with a Squadron of Ships to interrupt his Preparations, and destroy his Shipping in his Ports, who accordingly sailed to the Bay of *Cadiz*, and presently forcing under the Castles six Gallies which made shew of opposing him, took, sunk, or burnt about a hundred Ships which lay in the Bay, in which were great Quantities of Stores of War and Provisions, and among them a great Galleon of the Marquis of *Santa Cruz*, and a rich Merchant Ship of *Ragusa*. Returning from hence to Cape *St. Vincent*, he surprized three Castles in the Neighbourhood of that Place, and burning all the Fisher-boats and their Nets in his way, proceeded to *Cascais*, at the Mouth of the *Tayo*, where he challenged the Marquis of *Santa Cruz* to an Engagement, who could by no means be brought out, but suffered him to spoil the Coasts without Controul. From thence steering his Course towards the *Azores* Islands, he fell in with a large *Spanish* Carrack richly laden, bound home from the *East Indies*, and soon possessed himself of her.

1587.

Drake does great Mischiefs to the Spaniards at Cadiz.

Other Damage done to the Spaniards by Drake.

About this time, in another part of the World, the *Spaniards* were distressed by Captain *Thomas Cavendish*, a Gentleman of *Suffolk*, who having departed from *England* about two Years since with three Ships, had passed through the Streights of *Magellan*, and sailing along the Coasts of *Chili*, *Peru*, and *New Spain*, burnt several of the *Spanish* Towns there, and near *California* took and pillaged nineteen *Spanish* Ships, among which was a very rich one of the King's. Proceeding to the *Philippine* Islands, the *Molucca's*, the Cape of *Good Hope*, and the Isle of *St. Helena*, he returned home the next Year with great Wealth and Glory, being the third from *Magellan* who sailed round the World.

The Spaniards suffer much from Cavendish.

Altho' Sir *Francis Drake*, in his late Expedition, had done the King of *Spain* very great Damage, yet so universal and vast a Preparation as he was making against *England*, was not so easily to be defeated. He had now been employed about it three Years, and had at length got together a Fleet, called by the arrogant Name of the *Invincible Armada*, which consisted of a hundred and thirty large Ships, wherein were nineteen thousand two hundred and ninety Soldiers, eight thousand three hundred and fifty Seamen, two thousand and eighty Gally-Slaves, and two thousand six hundred and thirty Pieces of Brass and Iron Ordnance. It was commanded in Chief by Don *Alphonzo Perez de Gusman*, Duke of *Medina Sidonia*, (the Marquis of *Santa Cruz*, famous for his Behaviour in the

1588.

The Spaniards fit out a great Fleet against England.

the Bartel of *Lepanto*, who was designed for that Post, dying whilst the Fleet was fitting out) and under him was placed Don *Martinez de Recalde*, an old experienced Sea Officer of *Biscay*

Queen Elizabeth prepares against the Spaniards.

Queen *Elizabeth* having early Intelligence of the great Design against her, made a suitable Preparation for her Defence, and fitting out her Fleet under the Command of *Charles* Lord *Howard of Effingham*, Lord High Admiral of *England*, ordered him to repair to the Westward in conjunction with Sir *Fraucis Drake*, whom she made his Vice-Admiral. And the Lord *Henry Seymour* she commanded to lie on the Coast of *Flanders* with forty *English* and *Dutch* Ships, (the latter under the Command of *Justin* of *Nassau*, Admiral of *Zealand*) to prevent the Duke of *Parma's* coming out of the Ports there with the Force he was providing to join the *Spanisb Armada* on its Arrival. There were also disposed along the Southern Coasts of *England* twenty thousand Land Men, besides an Army of two and twenty thousand Foot, and a thousand Horse, encamped at *Tilbury*, under the Command of the Earl of *Leicester*, and another of four and thirty thousand Foot, and two thousand Horse, under the Leading of the Lord *Hunsdon*, for the Guard of the Queen's Person.

The Spanish Fleet separated by Storm.

The *Spanisb* Fleet set sail on the first of *June* from the River of *Lisbon*, and steer'd for the *Groyne*, but were by a violent Tempest separated, and three of the Gallies, by the Stratagem of an *English* Slave, in conjunction with some of the *Moorish* ones, being run into a Port of *France*, the rest of the Ships arrived soon after in a disabled Condition at the *Groyne* and the neighbouring Ports. This Circumstance had like to have proved more fatal to the *English* than the *Spaniards* themselves; for the Ministers in *England* thinking the Damages to the Fleet had been so great as that it could not proceed till the next Year, Secretary *Walsingham* signified the Queen's Pleasure to the Lord High Admiral to send back four of his largest Ships into Port; but he, with more Discretion, retained them, alledging how dangerous it was to be too credulous in a Matter of so great Importance, and that he would rather keep the Ships out at his own Charge; so that making sail towards the Coast of *Spain*, in order utterly to destroy the Enemy's Fleet if it were already so disabled, or to gain certain Intelligence concerning it, if otherwise; he was not far from that Kingdom, when the Wind coming about to the Southward, he thought fit (his Instructions being to guard the *English* Coasts) to return to *Plimouth*, lest the same Wind should carry the Enemy by him unseen. And indeed, with the very same Wind, the Duke of *Medina Sidonia* set sail with the whole *Armada* the twelfth Day of *July*, and in two or three Days detached a Vessel to the Duke of *Parma*, with Notice of his proceeding so far, and his Advices to him to be ready with the Troops and Ships he was directed to provide, in order to be waited over to *England* under his Protection, immediately on his Arrival in the Streights of *Dover*.

The Spanish Armada is dispersed by the Gale.

At length the Fleet, after an indifferent Passage over the Bay of *Biscay*, arrived, on the nineteenth, in Sight of *England*; on which

which same Day the Lord-Admiral being informed by Captain *Flemming* that the Enemy had entered the Chanel and got the Height of the *Lizard*, he, though the Wind blew hard into *Plimouth* Sound, got his Ships out to Sea, but not without great Difficulty, and no less Diligence and Industry, he encouraging the Seamen to labour by his Presence among them, and setting his own Hands to their Work. The next Day the *English* discover'd the *Spanish* Fleet in form of a Half-Moon, (the Points whereof were about seven Miles asunder) coming slowly up the Chanel, tho' with full Sails, the Ships appearing like so many floating Castles, and the Ocean seeming to groan under the Weight of them. The Lord-Admiral willingly suffered them to pass by him, that so he might chase them in the Rear, with all the Advantage of the Wind. The twenty first of *July*, he sent a Pinnace before him, called the *Defiance*, to denounce War against the Enemy by the Discharge of all her Guns, which he immediately seconded from his own Ship the *Ark-Royal*, by thundring furiously on one of the Enemy's, commanded by *Alphonso de Leva*, which he took to be the Admiral's Ship; *Drake*, *Hawkins*, and *Forbisher* at the same time vigorously engaged the Enemy's sternmost Ships under the Conduct of *Recalde*, who used all the Endeavours which a gallant Officer could do to keep his Ships together, but, in spite of all his Efforts, they retreated to the main Body of the Fleet, and at length, his own Ship being very much damaged, he was forced to retire thither himself. Although the *Spaniards* were so briskly charged by the *English*, they made a running Fight of it; for our Ships were so light and nimble, that they found it would be in vain to act otherwise, and so held on their Course with all the Speed they could make. The Lord-Admiral continued to ply them briskly for two Hours together, and then thought fit to desist, because forty of his Ships were absent, being hardly yet got out of Port.

The Spaniards discovered off of Plimouth.

The English attack the Spaniards.

The following Night, a Ship of the *Spaniards*, called the *St. Katherine*, being very much disabled in this Fight, was received into the midst of the Fleet in order to be repaired, and a large *Biscayan* Ship, commanded by *Oquendo*, on board which was the Treasurer of the Fleet, was purposely set on fire by a *Dutch* Gunner who had been ill used; but the Flame was happily extinguished by some Ships which came to her Relief; among which a Gallion, commanded by *Don Pedro de Valdez*, having lost her Foremast, by falling foul of another, and the Night being so dark and stormy that they could not repair that Damage, she fell into the Hands of *Sir Francis Drake*, who sent her Captain Prisoner to *Dartmouth*, and left the Money on board her to be plunder'd by his Men. He had been ordered to carry Lights that Night, but being in full Chase of some *German* Merchant Ships, which he supposed to be Enemies, happened to neglect it; which occasioned most of the Fleet to lie by all Night, because they could not see the Lights. Nor did he, or the rest of the Fleet, get up with the Lord-Admiral till the next Evening, who, with only the *Bear* and the *Mary-Rose*, had closely followed the Enemy all the preceding Night. This whole

whole Day the *Spanish* Admiral spent in the Disposition of his Fleet, and, assigning each Ship its Station in Battel, enjoined their respective Commanders to keep the same on pain of Death; and dispatched another Messenger to hasten the Duke of *Parma*, and to advise him of his near Approach. The foremention'd Ship of *Oquendo's* being much damaged with the Fire, he removed the Officers, Men and Mony into another, and set her adrift, soon after which she was taken by the *English*, and carried into *Weymouth*.

On the twenty third, by break of Day, the *Spaniards* tacked about, with the Wind at North, towards the *English*, who presently tacked likewise, and stood to the Westward, and after several Attempts on both sides to get the Weather-gage, they came to another Engagement, which was managed with Confusion enough and Variety of Success: While in one Place the *English* with undaunted Bravery rescued some Ships of *London* which were encompassed by the *Spaniards*, the *Spaniards*, with no less Courage in another, delivered their Vice Admiral *Recalde* from the Hands of the *English*. The great Guns on both sides thundered with extraordinary Fury, but the Shot from the high-built *Spanish* Ships flew over the Heads of the *English* without doing any Execution, one Mr. *Cock* being the only *Englishman* who fell, while he was bravely fighting against the Enemy in a small Vessel of his own. Besides, the *English* Ships being so much less than the *Spanish*, and infinitely more nimble and better Sailors, attacked and retreated as they pleased, while those of the Enemy lay as certain Butts for the *English*, against which they could not well miss their Aim.

The twenty fourth of *July* there was a Cessation on both sides, and the Lord High Admiral having received a Supply of Powder and Ball, divided his Fleet into four Squadrons, one whereof he commanded himself, the second he committed to Sir *Francis Drake*, the third to Captain *John Hawkins*, and the fourth to Captain *Martin Forbisber*, intending to attack the Enemy's Fleet in the Dead of the evening Night; but was prevented by a Calm. The twenty fifth, one of the *Spanish* Ships, which could not keep up with the rest, fell into the Hands of the *English*, who had a sharp Dispute with some of the *Spanish* Gallies which attempted to rescue her, but treated them so roughly, that none of those Vessels ever after ventured to engage them. The next Day the Lord Admiral knighted the Lord *Thomas Howard*, the Lord *Sheffield*, *Roger Townsend*, Captain *Hawkins*, and Captain *Forbisber*, for their good Behaviour; and at a Council of War it was determined not to make any farther Attempts upon the Enemy till they should be arrived in the Straights of *Dover*, where the Lord *Henry Seymour* and Sir *William Winter* lay in wait for them.

The *Spanish* Fleet, in the mean time, continued its Course up the Chanel, with an easy Gale at S. W. b. S, the *English* following close at their Heels: And so far was the Appearance thereof from alarming the Coasts with any terrible Apprehensions, that very many of the young Nobility and Gentry hired Ships at their own Charge, and repaired on board, in great Numbers, to join the Lord High
Admiral,

Admiral, and share in the Honour of destroying it. The twenty seventh of *July* the *Spanish Fleet* came to an Anchor before *Calais*, and not far from them anchored the *English Admiral*, who by the Accession of the Ships under the Lord *Seymour* and Sir *William Winter*, had now a hundred and forty Sail, all stout Ships, tho' the main strels of the Engagement lay not upon more than fifteen of them. The *Spaniards* were now very importunate with the Duke of *Parma* to send out forty Flyboats to their Assistance, for that otherwise, by the Unwieldiness of their Ships, they could not engage the light and active Vessels of the *English*. They also desired him to use all speed in embarking his Army, and be ready to take the first Opportunity, under their Protection, of landing in *England*. But, besides that his flat bottom'd Boats were become leaky, and that he was not in other respects in that Readiness which had been concerted, he was prevented from complying with these Demands by the Ships of *Holland* and *Zealand*, which, under the Command of Count *Justin of Nassau*, continued to block up the Harbours of *Dunkirk* and *Newport*, the only Ports from whence he could put to Sea.

The Day after the two Fleets came to an Anchor, the Lord-Admiral, by the Queen's Command, singled out eight of the worst Ships, and having bestowed upon them good Plenty of Pitch, Tar, and Rosin, and well lined them with *Brimstone*, and other combustible Matter, he sent them before the Wind, in the Dead of the Night, under the Conduct of *Young* and *Prowse*, into the midst of the *Spanish Fleet*. Their Approach was no sooner discovered by the *Spaniards*, and the prodigious Blaze they made, but suspecting they were filled with Engines of Slaughter, (for many of them having been at the Siege of *Antwerp*, had seen the destructive Machines made use of there) they set up a most hideous Clamour, and immediately cutting their Cables, in a panick Fright put to Sea, with all the Confusion and Precipitancy imaginable. One of the Fleet, a large Galcasse, having lost her Rudder, was tosd' up and down for some time, and the next Day being flung upon the Sands before *Calais*, was taken by *Anias Preston*, *Thomas Gerrard*, and *Harvey*, after a sharp and doubtful Dispute, wherein Don *Hugo de Moncada*, the Captain of her, was slain, and the Soldiers and Rowers either drowned, or put to the Sword; and the Ship and Guns, after the *English* had plundered her of a considerable Quantity of Gold, fell to the Governor of *Calais*. The *Spaniards* reported, however, that their Admiral, upon the Approach of the Fireships, made the Signal for weighing Anchor, and ordered that each Ship, after the Danger was over, should return to her Post; and he himself did indeed return, and fired a Gun, as a Signal to the rest for doing the like; but the Report thereof was not heard by many, for their Fears had so dispersed them, that some had got a considerable way out to Sea, and others among the Shoals on the Coast of *Flanders*; yet those who heard the Signal endeavoured to come to their Rendezvous off of *Graveling*, where they were very warmly plied with Shot by *Drake* and *Fenner*, who were soon supported by the

*Fireships sent
against the
Spaniards.*

Lord High Admiral with the rest of the Fleet; at which time the *Spanish* Captains *Leva*, *Oquendo*, *Recalde*, and some others, having, with much ado, got clear of the Shallows, stood the Brunt of the *English* Fire, as well as they could, till they were very much shatter'd. The Gallcon *St. Matthew*, commanded by Don *Diego de Pimentello*, coming to the Assistance of Don *Francisco de Toledo* in the *St. Philip*, which had received great Damage from *Seymour* and *Winter's* Shot, was taken by *Peter Dousa*, one of the *Dutch* Commanders; and the *St. Philip*, after having been driven almost as far as *Ostend*, was seized by some Ships of *Flushing*. The *English* Commanders, in general, shewed, on all occasions, great Reiolution and Bravery, and in this last Action the Lord *Henry Seymour*, the Lord *Thomas Howard*, the Lord *Sheffield*, the Earl of *Cumberland*, Sir *William Winter*, Sir *Robert Southwell*, Sir *George Beefson*, Sir *John Hawkins*, Captain *Edward Fenton*, Captain *Richard Hawkins*, Captain *George Ryman*, and Captain *Robert Crosse*, signalized themselves in a very particular manner.

The *Spaniards* having been closely plied all this Day, would fain have retreated early next Morning through the Streights of *Dover*; but the Wind coming up, with hard Gales, at North-West, forced them toward the Coast of *Zealand*, whither the *English* seeing them hasten fast enough to their own Destruction, did not continue to pursue them; for with that Wind they could not fail being driven among the Shallows and Sands of that Coast. But the Wind soon coming about to the South-West, the *Spaniards* tacked, and got out of that Danger, and in the Evening a Council of War considered what was to be done, when it was unanimously resolved, that, seeing they were in want of many Necessaries, especially of Cannon-Ball, that the Ships were very much shattered, and that they had no hopes of the Duke of *Parma's* coming out to join them, they should return to *Spain*, North about the *British* Islands; pursuant to which Resolution they made all the Sail they could. The Lord High Admiral, leaving the Lord *Henry Seymour* with a Squadron to assist the *Dutch* in blocking up the Duke of *Parma* in the Ports of *Dunkirk* and *Newport*, pursued the *Spanish* Fleet, and kept them in a continual Chace as far as the *Firth of Forth*, from whence they kept on their Course round by the *Orkneys*, the Western Islands, and *Ireland*, and the poor Remains of the Fleet arrived at length in a miserable Condition on the Coasts of *Spain*, several of the Ships having foundered at Sea, and no less than ten being cast away on the Coast of *Ireland*.

Thus, in one Month's Time, was brought to Destruction that formidable *Armada*, which had been three whole Years in fitting out; the Loss of the Nobility and Gentry on board whereof was so great, that there was hardly a Family in *Spain* but was in Mourning on this occasion, insomuch that King *Philip* was forced by Proclamation to shorten the usual Time for the same; as the *Romans* of old, upon their great Defeat at *Cannæ*, found it necessary to limit the publick Grief to thirty Days. Mean while, *England* resounded with Acclamations of Joy, and all the Protestant Nations of *Europe* participated

The Spaniards
determine to
return home.

anticipated therein: And the Queen having made a publick Thanksgiving, with great Solemnity, at *St. Paul's*, applied her self to distribute Rewards to the Lord-Admiral, and the Officers and Seamen of the Fleet, for their gallant Behaviour.

The next Year the Queen thinking it both more safe and more honourable to attack the Enemy than expect another Assault from them, gave leave for fitting out a Fleet, which Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Francis Drake*, and some others, with exemplary Generosity and Readiness, undertook to defray the Expence of; with very little Charge to her Majesty, except the keeping at Sea a few of her own Ships. The States of *Holland* willingly embarking in the same Design, sent some Ships to proceed in conjunction with these; and Don *Antonio*, the abdicated King of *Portugal*, who had retired into *England*, also joined them with some others, well hoping, by the help of this Force, to be reinstated in his Kingdom. Setting sail from *Plymouth* they arrived in few Days at the *Groyne*, where they assaulted the Lower Town, and carrying it by Storm, burnt a great Quantity of Ammunition and Provision which was laid up there for a new Expedition to *England*. Then they attacked the Upper Town, very difficult of Access, and sprung a Mine or two which did considerable Damage thereto, but a strong Body of *Spaniards* approaching to the Relief of the Place, Sir *John Norris* advanced against them, and having received their first Assault, charged them with such Fury, that they fled with the utmost Precipitation, and were slain for three Miles together. Having plundered and burnt all the adjacent Villages, it was thought fit to reembark the Troops; and thence the Fleet proceeding to the Coast of *Portugal*, they were joined in their Passage by the Earl of *Essex*. On their Arrival before *Peniche*, near the *Burlings*, the Land-Forces were put ashore, and the Castle of that Place was presently surrendered to King *Antonio*; and, upon the Encouragement they received from that Prince, the Troops marched on to *Lisbon*, but perceiving no Disposition in the People to declare for him, and being grown sickly, they made the best of their way to *Cascais*, where the Fleet was already arrived, and had reduced that Place. The Admiral having blown up part of the Castle of *Cascais*, and seized sixty Sail of Ships belonging to the *Hans* Towns, which were just arrived there with Corn and Naval Stores, received the Troops on board, and set sail homewards; and having by the way burnt the Town of *Vigo*, and plundered the adjacent Country, the Fleet soon arrived in *England*, with a hundred and fifty Pieces of Cannon taken from the Enemy, and a very rich Booty besides.

1589.

A Fleet fitted out against the Spaniards.

The Groyne attempted.

The Earl of Essex joins the Fleet on the Coast of Portugal.

Cascais reduced, and many Ships taken.

Vigo burnt, and the Country plundered.

1590.

The Queen regulates her Navy.

Queen *Elizabeth* having now a happy Experience of the good Effects of a potent Navy, was pleased to put the same on a better and more regular footing than it had ever yet been, assigning the constant Sum yearly of eight thousand nine hundred and seventy Pounds for the Repairs thereof. About this time the private Adventurers in the Nation were grown very numerous, and being encouraged by having so rich an Enemy as the *Spaniards* to deal with, they went out in Swarms to cruise upon their Shipping. The

Earl of *Cumberland* was a noble Adventurer among them, who failing to the *Azores* Islands, seized the Town of *Fayal*, demolished the Castle, and brought off fifty eight Pieces of Cannon.

1591.

In 1591 the Lord *Thomas Howard*, second Son to the Duke of *Norfolk*, was sent out with a Squadron to intercept the *Spanish* Plate Fleet in its Return from *America*, who repairing for that purpose to the *Azores*, had continued for six Months at *Flores*, one of those Islands, when Don *Alphonso Bassano*, who was sent out from *Spain* with fifty three Ships to convoy the Fleet home, came upon the *English* so unexpectedly, that the Admiral had much ado to get out to Sea, and Sir *Richard Greenvil* in the Vice-Admiral Ship, called the *Revenge*, staying for his Men, which were straggling ashore, was hemm'd in by the *Spanish* Fleet; with several of which he maintain'd a gallant Fight for fifteen Hours, till being himself mortally wounded, and his Ship much disabled, he ordered her to be sunk; but the rest of the Officers, not consenting thereto, yielded her up to the Enemy, on promise of their Lives and Liberties, and Sir *Richard* was carried on board the *Spanish* Admiral, where he died within two Days, with great Commendations from the very Enemy of his extraordinary Courage and Bravery: But the Ship founder'd shortly after at Sea, with two hundred *Spaniards* on board her. The Lord *Howard*, who had now with him but five Ships, would have engaged the Enemy, notwithstanding their vast Superiority, had he not been dissuaded by the other Officers from so rash an Undertaking; so that he returned homewards, and in his Passage made amends for the Loss of the *Revenge*, by taking several rich *Spanish* Ships.

The English
ruffled by the
Spaniards at
the Flores.

Rich Spanish
Ships taken.

Riman and
Lancaster set
out for the
East-Indies.

About the same time *George Riman* and *James Lancaster* undertook a Voyage to the *East-Indies*, and doubling the Cape of *Good Hope*, proceeded to Cape *Corientes*, where *Riman* being lost in a Storm, *Lancaster* went on to the *Comorro* Islands, and thence to *Zanzibar*, where having winter'd, he continued his Voyage to *India*, and by the way taking some Vessels belonging to *Pegu*, and some *Portuguese* Ships laden with Pepper and Rice, he proceeded to *Ceylon*, and thence to the Isle of *Nicubar*, near *Sumatra*, where taking into Consideration that he had but thirty three of his Crew alive, and that his Provisions were grown very short, he made the best of his way homewards; and having touched at *St. Helena* for Refreshments, was, after leaving that Island, carried away by the Trade Winds to the Isle of *Trinidada*, in *America*, from whence he proceeded to *Mona*, near *Porto Rico*, where going ashore with some of his Men for Refreshments, their Ship was in the mean time forced away by Strefs of Weather with only seven Persons on board her, but nevertheless got safe to *England* with her rich Lading; and at length *Lancaster* himself, with the rest of his Men, being taken on board by a *French* Ship, were also brought home; and by the Experience they had learned in this Voyage, first taught their Countrymen the Method of Commerce in the *East-Indies*, and laid the Foundation of that since most flourishing Trade. This same Year Captain *Thomas Cavendish*, already remarkable for his late Voyage round

round the World, went out with five Ships on another Expedition to the Streights of *Magellan*, but being prevented by contrary Winds and bad Weather from passing the same, was driven back to the Coasts of *Brasil*, and there died, charging *John Davis* with his last Breath with having treacherously deserted him.

Cavendish sets out for Streights of Magellan.

The next Year the Queen fitted out a Squadron of fifteen Ships under the Command of *Sir Walter Raleigh*, ordering him, as occasion should best serve, either to proceed to *America*, and seize on *Panama*, whither the Gold is brought in order to be exported to *Europe*, or to intercept the *Spanish Flota* after it had taken the same on board. But he being detained in Port by contrary Winds for three Months together, and the *Spaniards* having gained some Notice of the Design, order was taken that no Ships should sail from *America* that Year. *Sir Walter* had got the Height of *Cape Finislerre* before he received that Intelligence; and then resolving to return to *England* himself, divided his Ships into two Squadrons, one whereof he committed to *Sir Martin Forbisher*, with Orders to cruise on the Coast of *Spain*, and the other to Captain *John Burroughs*, second Son of the Lord *Burroughs*, directing him to proceed to the *Azores*, and there lie in wait for the *Portuguese East-India Carracks*, which also used to touch at those Islands in their way home. Thither Captain *Burroughs* sailing accordingly, found the Earl of *Cumberland* at *Flores* with three Ships on the same Design, and in a short time the expected Carracks arriving, they had so good Success, that they forced the *Portuguese* to set fire to one of them, to prevent her falling into the Hands of the *English*, and after a sharp Engagement, they took another called the *Mother of God*, a seven decked Ship, manned with six hundred Men, with a very rich Lading on board, valued at a hundred and fifty thousand Pounds on its Arrival in *England*, over and above what the Officers and Seamen had plundered her of when taken.

1592.
Sir Walter Raleigh sent against the Spaniards.

The Portuguese fire one of their Ships, and another rich one is taken.

In 1593 *Richard Hawkins*, the Son of *Sir John Hawkins*, the famous Seaman we have before mentioned, went out with three Ships, with a Commission from the Queen to infest the *Spaniards* in *South-America*, and sailing first to the Isle of *St. Anne*, where the least of his Ships was accidentally burnt, proceeded thence to the Mouth of *Rio de la Plata*, where he took a *Portuguese* Ship, and from thence repairing to the Streights of *Magellan*, was by the way deserted by another of his Ships. Having past the Streights with great Difficulty, he sailed along the Coasts of *Chili*, where, at *Val Paraiso*, he took five laden Merchant Ships, one of which he carried off, and ransomed the rest: Thence proceeding to the Gulph of *Atacama*, he was encounter'd by the *Spaniards* with eight Ships, with which having maintained an obstinate Fight for three Days, he was at length forced to accept of the Enemy's Offers of Life and Liberty for himself and his Men, and surrender'd upon those Terms.

1593.

Hawkins takes a Portuguese Ship.

The Spaniards overcome Hawkins.

The next Year *John Lancaster*, who had been sent out with three Ships and a Pinnace on a private Account, had better Success against the *Spaniards* on the Coast of *Brasil*, where he took thirty nine of their Ships, and then joining Company with some other *English*, and *Dutch*

1594.

Lancaster takes many Spanish Ships on the Coast of Brasil.

Pernambuca
taken by Lan-
caster.

Dutch and *French* Ships that were cruising in those Seas, resolved to attempt *Pernambuca* a Town upon that Coast, where he understood a considerable Treasure was lodged that had been saved from an *East-India* Carrack, cast away near that Place. Accordingly making a Descent there, he took the lower Town and the Port by Storm, and having maintained it for a Month, in which time he loaded fifteen Ships with the Cargo of the foreſaid Carrack, and other rich Commodities, then quitted the ſame, and returned in Safety to *England*.

1595.
Two strong
Squadrons fit-
ted out againſt
the Spaniards.

The Spaniards
burn Pen-
zance, and
other Places.
in Cornwall.

And now, upon the univerſal Rumour ſpread throughout *Europe*, that the *Spaniards* were about to invade *England* with a more formidable Fleet than the former, the Queen fitted out two Squadrons, the one to remain in the *British* Seas, to withſtand the Enemy there, and the other deſigned for a Diviſion to them in *America*, under the Command of Sir *Francis Drake* and Sir *John Hawkins*. The former of theſe Squadrons did not keep ſo good a look-out, but that *Don Diego Brocher*, with four *Spaniſh* Gallies, arriving at Break of Day in *Mount's Bay* in *Cornwall*, landed ſome Men, and burnt *Mouse-hole*, *Newlin*, and *Penzance*, with a neighbouring Church, but without ſo much as taking or killing a Man; and they were the laſt *Spaniards* that ever landed in *England* as Enemies. The Fleet in the mean time, under *Drake* and *Hawkins*, who were joint Admirals, ſetting Sail from *England*, with a Body of Land Forces on board, commanded by Sir *Thomas Baskerville*, repaired firſt to *Grand Canary*, the Chief of the Iſlands of that Name, and after a fruitleſs Attempt to reduce the ſame, with Intent to have kept it, proceeded to the Iſland *Dominica*; where making too long a Stay to build ſome Pinnaces, the *Spaniards* had Notice of their Arrival, and put themſelves every where in a Poſture of Defence: ſo that upon their coming before *St. Juan de Porto Rico*, the Place their chief Deſign was againſt, they found it ſo well ſecured, that, after an Aſſault or two, wherein they were repulſ'd with conſiderable Loſs, they ſailed over to *Terra Firma*, and burnt *Rio de la Hacha*, and *Sta. Martha*, two conſiderable Towns in thoſe Parts; and thence proceeding to *Nombre de Dios*, deſtroyed that Place likewiſe with the Shipping there, but met not with a Penny of Money in the Town. From thence a Body of ſeven hundred and fifty Land Men marched over-land towards *Panama*, but as they were on their Way through ſome Defiles they were to paſs, they were ſo gauled with Shot from the Woods, and finding beſides the Paſs defended by a new crected Fort, that they made the beſt of their Way back to the Fleet; where Sir *Francis Drake* being ſeized with a bloody Flux, what with that Diſtemper, and Diſcontent at the ill Succels of this Expedition, died in few Days, and Sir *John Hawkins* being already deceaſed at *Porto Rico*, the Fleet was left deprived of both its Admirals, and made the beſt of its Way to *England*. Near the Iſle of *Pines*, off of *Cuba*, they were attack'd by the *Spaniſh* Fleet, which had lain in wait for them ſome time, but gave them ſo warm a Reception that the Enemy ſoon their'd off; and the Fleet, at length,

Drake and
Hawkins re-
paſſed at Por-
to Rico,
The French
Lion Rio de
la Hacha and
Sta. Martha,
&c.

Hawkins and
Sir Francis
Drake die.

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after having been eight Months out on this unsuccessful Expedition, returned to *England*.

A sharp Dispute between the English and Spaniards. Raleigh undertakes a Voyage to Guiana.

In the Beginning of the same Year, Sir *Walter Raleigh*, who had fallen into some Disgrace with the Queen, on account of an amorous Intrigue he had entertain'd too near her Majesty's Person, in order to recover her Favour by some worthy Exploit; undertook a Voyage at his own Expence, to *Guiana* in *America*, where, misguided by the Reports of some *Spaniards*, he was in Hopes to have found great Store of Gold. Repairing first to *Trinidad*, he took the chief Town of that Island, and there leaving his Ship, went over with a hundred Men in a few Pinnaces to *Guiana*, and sailed up the great River *Oronoque*, four hundred Miles into the Country, encountering with infinite Difficulties in his Passage, so that he was at length forced to return to *Trinidad*, without any other Advantage than having gained some Knowledge of the Country. From thence repairing to *Comana*, he burnt that Town, upon the Inhabitants refusing to ransom it on his Terms, after which setting fire to several Cottages at *Rio de la Hacha* and *Sta. Martha*, he made the best of his Way to *England*; and notwithstanding his Disappointment in this Expedition, made one or two more on the same Design, tho' the *Spaniards* had planted a numerous Colony at *Trinidad* to oppose his Attempts. About the same time the Captains *Preston* and *Sommers* pillaged the Isle of *Porto Santo* near *Madera*, and thence repairing to *America*, plundered the Isle of *Cobe*, near *Margarita*, with the Towns of *St. Jago de Leon* and *Coro* in *Terra Firma*. And a few Months before, three Ships, fitted out by the Earl of *Cumberland*, under the Command of Captain *Cave*, sailing to the *Azores*, attacked a large *Portuguese* Carrack, called the *Five Wounds of Christ*, which being set on fire in the Engagement, was burnt with all her Cargo, and had like to have involved the *English* that engaged her in the same Fate.

Comana and other Places burnt by Raleigh.

Several Places in America plundered by Preston, Sommers, &c.

The Reports of the King of *Spain's* great Preparations still continuing, and he having by the Accession of *Calais*, lately taken from the *French*, and the late unsuccessful Expedition of *Drake* and *Hawkins*, received some Encouragement to renew his Attempts against *England* and *Ireland*, the Queen, in order to divert the Storm, thought it proper to attack the Enemy in his own Ports, and to that purpose fitted out a Fleet of a hundred and twenty six Men of War, seventeen whereof were her Majesty's own Ships, and the rest hired, with seven thousand three hundred and sixty Land Men on board, the whole under the joint Command of the Earl of *Essex* and the Lord High Admiral *Howard*, assisted by a Council of War consisting of the Lord *Thomas Howard*, Sir *Walter Raleigh*, Sir *Francis Vere*, Sir *George Carew*, and Sir *Coniers Clifford*. To this Armament the States General added a Squadron of twenty four Ships, under the Command of the Sieur *Van Duvenvoord*, and the Fleet set Sail from *Plimouth*, with a seal'd Rendezvous (appointed to be at *Cadiz*) delivered out to each of the Commanders not to be open'd till they were past Cape *St. Vincent*.

1596.
A great Fleet fitted out against the Spaniards, under Essex and Howard.

The Fleet comes to Cadiz.

In few Days arriving at *Cadiz* the Fleet came to an Anchor before *St. Sebastian's*; whereupon, as soon as the Tide came in, the *Spanish* Ships of War ran up to the *Puntal*, and the Merchant Ships over to *Port-Real*. A Council of War being held on board the *English* Fleet, it was resolv'd to attack the Enemy with the lightest and nimblest Ships, and that the Lord *Thomas Howard*, Sir *Walter Raleigh*, Sir *Thomas Southwell*, Sir *Francis Vere*, Sir *George Carew*, and Sir *Robert Cross*, with some others should execute this Service, who courageously passing by the Fire of the Town, bore up towards the *Spanish* Ships, several of which endeavoured to preserve themselves by Flight, and making the best of their Way to to the Bottom of the Bay, where the Island of *Cadiz* is join'd to the Continent by the Bridge of *Suaco*, were convey'd by a Machine through a narrow Chanel into the Sea on the South Side of the Island, except only two or three of them that were prevented from escaping by Sir *John Wingfield* in the *Vanguard*. However many of the Gallies and Gallies kept their Station at the *Puntal*, and received the Broadfides of the *English*, which they returned for some time with equal Fury; but were at length so shatter'd and disabled, and had so many Men killed, that the *Spaniards* thinking them no longer tenable set them on fire, with such Precipitation, that great Multitudes of Men were forced to throw themselves into the Sea, where they must have miserably perished, had they not been generously relieved and taken up by the *English*. At the same time the *Spanish* Admiral call'd the *St. Philip*, a Ship of 1500 Tuns, was blown up by a *Moorish* Slave's setting fire to the Gunpowder, which destroyed two or three other Ships that lay near. The *Dutch* bravely attacked and carried the Fort of *Puntal*, where the Earl of *Essex* presently landed with a Body of Troops to attempt the City on the Land Side, while the Ships should do the like from the Sea, by whose joint Efforts the Town was taken in few Hours, and the Castle surrender'd next Day upon Terms.

Spanish Gallies and Gallies burnt.

Puntal taken by the *Dutch*, and *Cadiz* by the *English*.

Sir *Walter Raleigh*, the mean while, was order'd to go over with some of the lightest Frigats to *Port-Real*, to destroy the Fleet of Merchant Ships which had retreated thither, to whom was offer'd a Ransom for them of two Millions of Ducats, but while the Lord Admiral was consult'd about it, who refus'd to save them on any Terms, the Duke of *Medina Sidonia*, who command'd in those Parts, sav'd the *English* the Labour, and set them on fire himself, by which the King of *Spain* lost in Shipping, Money, and Provisions to the Value of above twenty Millions of Ducats. The *English* being now in full Possession of the Town and Castle of *Cadiz*, the Earl of *Essex* was for maintaining the same, which he offer'd to do with only four hundred Men and three Months Provisions, and with him concurred Sir *Francis Vere*, and the *Dutch* Admiral *Duvenvoord*; but the Lord High Admiral, with all the other Commanders, being utterly averse thereto, after they had plundered the Island, demolish'd the Forts, and burnt down several Houses in the City, the Fleet set Sail from thence, and repair'd to *Faro* in the *Algarve*, which Place they found deserted by the Inhabitants. Af-

The *Spaniards* set fire to their Merchant Ships.

ter which the Earl of *Essex* proposed they should repair to the *Azores*, and there wait for the *East-India* Carracks, but not any shewed their Consent thereto save the Lord *Thomas Howard*, and the *Dutch* Admiral, so that laying that aside, he prevailed with them to repair to the *Groyne*, where there was not to much as a single Ship, nor in the neighbouring Port of *Ferrol*. He was very earnest to have made an Attack nevertheless on the *Groyne*, or to have attempted the *Spanish* Ships in the Port of *St. Andrew*, or *St. Sebastian's*, wherein the *Dutch* agreed with him, but was overruled in all these Points by the Lord Admiral and the other Officers, so that the Fleet making the best of its Way home, arrived in Safety, bringing with them two Gallions, and a hundred Brass Guns, with a very rich and valuable Booty besides, having destroyed eleven of the King of *Spain's* most serviceable Ships of War, forty *Indian* Merchant Men, and four others, besides a vast Quantity of Provisions and Stores both for Sea and Land Service. The Earl of *Essex* believing that at his Return several Objections might be made to the Conduct of the Expedition, his Lordship drew up a Paper, in which he stated the same, together with his Answers thereunto, the Substance whereof is as follows, and very much agrees with the foregoing Account.

The Fleet returns home.

Objection. That the first and principal Thing omitted in the Voyage was, that they did not endeavour to possess themselves of the Fleet which was bound to the *Indies*, since the Loading thereof would not only have defrayed all the Charges of the Expedition, but have enabled the Crown for a long while to have continued the War with *Spain*.

Answer. If I had been followed the first Morning when we came before the Harbour of *Cadiz*; or if we had entered the same on Sunday in the Afternoon, when we were under Sail, and within Cannon-shot of the Enemy's Fleet, or after the Ships of War were taken and burnt the next Day: I say if any Number of our Ships had gone up, as I my self urged by Message to Sir *Arthur Asheley* (who, being Secretary at War, was to record every Man's Services or Omissions) that Fleet might have been seized without any great Difficulty, for the first Morning their Men were not on board, (as hath been confessed by our Prisoners) nor could they have had time to consult what was fitting to be done for their Preservation.

In the Afternoon of the same Day we should have found the Men of War, and the Merchant Ships together, so that we might have engaged them at the same time, and defeating the one have possessed ourselves of the other. And even the next Day, presently after our Success against the King's Ships; the others would have been so confounded, that we might not only have taken them, with their valuable Loading, but the Gallies also, as our Prisoners, and Captives redeemed out of the said Gallies, have assured us.

But the first Morning when I was entering into the Harbour, almost all the Fleet came to an Anchor by the Point of *St. Sebastian's*, a League wide of me, and thereby gave the Enemy an Opportunity of sending Men and all Necessaries on board their Ships.

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When, in the Afternoon, I was going in, I could not get many Ships to weigh their Anchors, nor would those that did so go in with me; and the next Day I had much ado to make our Ships fight at all. Nay even when it had pleased God to give us Victory, neither my Persuasions, nor Proteftations could prevail with those who were Sea-Commanders to attempt the *Indian Fleet*, while we assailed the Town, so that the Enemy had almost forty eight Hours time to burn their own Ships.

Objection. That we abandoned *Cadiz* when we were possessed of it, whereas the holding that Place would have been a Nail in the Foot of the *Spanish Monarchy*, and been of great use to us in our Wars in those Parts.

Answer. Some of the Sea Commanders, and especially my Colleague, did not only oppose that Design, (whose concurrent Advice my Instructions obliged me to follow) but when we came to consider what Force was necessary to be left there, I was assured that every Ship complained of Wants, insomuch that there was a general Discourse of the Necessity of returning home; and I found I could not have one Ship to remain at *Cadiz*, and that there was not so much Victuals for the Garrison as might suffice them two Months; wherefore Necessity, and not Choice, induced me to abandon it.

Objection. That we did not continue to lie in the Way of the Car-racks and Ships from the *Indies*, when we were on the Coast at the time when it was thought they would return, and consequently the most proper for intercepting them.

Answer. I must, in the first Place, refer to the Testimony of all our Commanders by Sea and Land, whether I did not, in our Return from *Cadiz*, when we had doubled Cape *St. Vincent*, urge the proceeding to the *Azores*; and my Reasons for so doing were these. First, that we might be more certain of meeting the *Spanish Fleet* upon their making the Land, where we were assured they must touch, than by seeking them in the wide Sea. Secondly, that the Intelligence sent from *Spain*, and *Portugal*, since our being on the Coast, might meet them amongst the Islands, and make them alter their usual Course from thence, but could hardly find them beyond, and divert them from coming thither: Besides, the *Spaniards*, after our Action at *Cadiz*, could not so much as suspect we would proceed from thence to the Islands.

This Counsel being rejected, I, when we came within Sight of *Lisbon*, pressed again the lying in wait for them, with a Squadron of Ships to be particularly appointed, and offered, on that condition, to send home the Land Forces, and all such Ships as, either by Want of Provisions, or by other Ailments, were reduced unfit to continue longer abroad. But the Lord Admiral, and then Sir *Walter Raleigh*, protested under their Hands against the first Proposal I made: And when we came to the second, *viz.* what Ships were fit, and which of their Captains consent to continue abroad, there was not besides the Squadron of the *Low Countries*, any more found than the Lord *Thomas Howard* and my self: Intomuch that by the whole Council of War it was determined, that not only what I had proposed,

posed, but that my Opinion also, together with that of each other Person, should be attested under his Hand, and that we should not stay to await the Fleet from the *Indies*, except the Lord Admiral would consent to leave, besides some of the Queen's Ships, eight or ten of those of the Merchants, which he refusing to do, that Design was frustrated.

Objection. That since the chief of our Service consisted in the taking or destroying the *Spanish* Shipping, and Naval Stores, why did we not look into their principal Ports, and do them all the Mischief we were able?

Answer. That my End in going to *Cadiz* was, not only because it was a principal Port, but the most likely to be held by us, in Regard not only to the Situation and natural Strength thereof, but that also from thence we might (if some greater Service did not divert us) go to all the Ports betwixt that and the nethermost Parts of *Biscay*, which seemed better to me than to have alarmed the Enemy first in the midst of his Country, or the nearest Part thereof to ours, in Regard that by acting in that manner our Attempts would have been more difficult, and our Retreat at last from those farthest Parts less safe, considering the Wants, Sicknefs, and other Inconveniencies which generally attend Fleets and Armies in long Voyages. But after we had done what we could at *Cadiz*, it was by all our Sea Officers thought a capital Offence so much as to mention the passing over the Bar of *St. Lucar*.

Between *St. Lucar* and *Lisbon* there is not any good Port, and from the latter I was restrained by my Instructions: Nay though we had been permitted to have gone thither, yet I found our Seamen of the same Cast, that *Sir Francis Drake* and his Company were, when they lost the Opportunity of taking that Place, not caring to pass by the Castle of *St. Julian*.

From *Lisbon* to the *Groyn* there is not any Port capable of containing either the King of *Spain's*, or other large Shipping; but to the latter Place I, at length, prevailed with them, not without great Difficulty, to go, having both vowed and protested against their Refusal, and even parted Company with them when they offered to hold on their Course; but when we came to the Mouth of the Harbour, and sent in some small Vessels, we could not discover any thing there, nor at *Ferrol*, for in that Port we also looked.

After this we held our last Council, and then I urged going to *St. Andrew's Passage*, *St. Sebastian's*, and all the principal Ports along the Coast, but the Lord Admiral absolutely refused going farther, complaining of Wants, and representing the Danger of being embayed, with many other Inconveniencies, in which opinion *Sir Walter Raleigh* confirmed him, so that both of them seemed desirous to have the Honour of frustrating the Design; and as to our landing at the *Groyn*, and attempting the Town, they would by no means hear of it, but every one presently cry'd out, let us make Sail homewards, since which time they have used such Speed, that by my endeavouring to bring with me the *St. Andrew* taken at *Cadiz*, and the Fly-boat with our Artillery, I have lost Company with them all, ex-

cept Monsieur *Duvenvoord* and his Squadron, and some small Ships.

The King of Spain assembles his Fleet at Lisbon, but many destroyed by Tempest at Sea.

To revenge these Losses sustained in the foremention'd Expedition, and recover his ruined Credit, the King of *Spain* assembling his Ships from all Parts to *Lisbon*, there he prepared his Fleet, and taking up all the foreign Ships in his Kingdom, embarked a Body of new raised Forces, with a great Number of *Irish* Fugitives, at the Port of *Ferrol*, in order to transport them to *Ireland* and *England*; but in their way they were surprized with so violent a Tempest as destroyed the greatest part of the Ships, and put an end for the present to the Design.

1597.

A Fleet of English and Dutch Ships fitted out under Essex, &c.

The next Year the Queen, upon fresh Advices of the Continuance of the King of *Spain's* Preparations against *Ireland*, had recourse to her usual Practice of finding him Employment at home, and to that purpose fitted out a Fleet of forty Ships of War, with seventy victualling Ships and Tenders to accompany them, and a considerable Body of Land-Forces on board, to which the States adding ten Men of War under the Sieur *Van Duvenvoord*, the whole was divided into three Squadrons, the first under the Command of the Earl of *Essex*, who was General and Commander in Chief in this Expedition, the second under the Lord *Thomas Howard*, and the third under Sir *Walter Raleigh*.

Impracticable to attempt the Ships at the Groyne and Ferrol.

The Design in View was first to surprize the *Spanish* Ships in the Harbours of the *Groyne* and *Ferrol*, and then to intercept the *Indian* Fleet at the *Azores*. And accordingly the Fleet, after having suffered one or two Repulses by bad Weather, repaired to the *Spanish* Coasts, but by their hovering near the Shore of *Asturias*, instead of running in directly to *Ferrol* and the *Groyne*, the Enemy were forewarned of their Approach, and had so much time to prepare for their Defence, that, in a Council of War, the Execution of the first Design was thought impracticable, and they came to a Resolution to proceed to the *Azores*, at the same time making the Disposition of each Squadron to the Station it should take at those Islands, allotting to the Lord *Essex*, Admiral and Commander in Chief, the Isle of *Fayal*, that of *Gratiosa* to the Lord *Howard*, and the Island *Pico* to Sir *Walter Raleigh*; which latter having broke his Main-Yard off of Cape *Finisterre*, was not come up with the Fleet when this Resolution was taken; but, upon a right Judgment of what would be determined, when he had repaired his Damage, continued his Course to the *Azores*, where, at the Island *Flores*, he recovered the rest of the Fleet.

The Fleet comes to the Azores.

Raleigh being in want of Water, landed some Men without leave from *Essex*, in order to furnish himself therewith, and had scarce began to fill his Casks, when immediately the General sent him Orders to follow him to *Fayal*, which he did accordingly; but not meeting with him there, and upon taking a View of the Harbour, finding the Inhabitants were securing their Goods, and the Garrison throwing up Retrenchments, he, with the other Commanders in his Company, unanimously agreed to attack the Place if the Lord *Essex* should not arrive in four Days, which he not doing, they accordingly

cordingly landed, and presently putting the Enemy to flight, possessed themselves of the Town: This Action, performed in *Effex* his Absence, and without his Orders, bred ill Blood between him and *Raleigh*; but for the present laying aside their Resentments, they sailed, in conjunction, with the rest of the Fleet to *Gratiosa*, another of the *Azores*, the Inhabitants whereof submitted themselves to the Mercy of the *English*; and there the Lord-General designed to have waited the Arrival of the *American* Fleet, till being unluckily dissuaded from it by one of his Pilots, on pretence it was not a commodious Harbour for Shipping, he sailed thence with the best part of the Fleet to *St. Michael's*, leaving *Sir Francis Vere* and *Sir Nicholas Parker* to cruise between *Gratiosa* and *St. George's* Island, and the Earl of *Southampton*, and *Sir William Monson*, to do the like to the Westward of *Gratiosa*.

Fayal taken by Raleigh.

Gratiosa taken.

Effex had no sooner left that Island, but the *Flota* from *America* arrived there, consisting of forty Sail, which immediately upon notice that the *English* were in those Parts, bore away thence to *Tercera*, and arriving all there in Safety, (except three straggling Ships which were taken by *Sir William Monson*) ran into the Port of *Angra*, the chief Place of the Island, which was defended with several Forts, well garrisoned, and mounted with Guns. *Southampton, Vere* and *Monson* immediately dispatched a Frigate to *St. Michael's* to give the Lord General Advice thereof, who in a Day or two after joining them off of *Tercera*, took a View of the Enemy, and finding them in a very advantageous Situation, with their Ships drawn up close under the Forts, came to a Resolution not to make any Attempt on them, and returned with the Fleet to *St. Michael's*; where intending to make a Descent, and attack *Ciudad*, the chief Town of the Island, he went out himself in a Boat to discover a convenient Landing Place, but found all things there also so well prepared for his Reception, that that Design was likewise judged impracticable. However, leaving *Raleigh* with some Ships to amuse the Enemy at that Place, he went himself with the rest to *Villa Franca*, a Town about six Miles distant, which he surprized and plundered.

The American Flota come to Gratiosa in the Absence of Effex.

Impracticable to attempt the Spaniards at Tercera.

Effex takes Villa Franca.

In the mean while *Raleigh* discovered at Sea an *East-India* Carrack, the Commander whereof perceiving, by the firing of Guns on board one of the *Dutch* Ships, that an Enemy was near, and presently after discovering the Ships which lay in wait for her, violently ran her ashore just under the Town, where her Cargo being with all Expedition thrown out, she was set on fire, and burnt for two Days together. So that Fortune seeming to declare herself against the *English* by so many Disappointments in this Expedition, they resolved to make the best of their way home, and setting sail accordingly from *St. Michael's*, they three Days after met with a violent Storm, which dispersed the Fleet for several Days. About the same time the *Spanish* Fleet which lay at *Ferrol*, having put from thence for the Coast of *England*, was encountered by the same Storm, which handled them very roughly, so that they lost several of their Ships, and one of them was forced by Strels of Weather

The Spaniards run a risk Ship on shore.

Spanish Ships lost in a storm.

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into *Dartmouth*, with her Men almost famished, who reported that the Enemy's Design was to have seized some Port in *Cornwall*, and maintained the same, to find the *English* Diversion at home, and facilitate their Conveyance of Succours from *Spain* to *Ireland*, by having an Harbour to retreat to in case of bad Weather. Our Fleet, however, about the End of *October* arrived in *England* in a much better Condition, without having lost so much as one of its Number, tho' somewhat shattered and disabled by having been out so late in the Year.

The Fleet arrives in England.

1598.

The following Year the Earl of *Cumberland*, having fitted out eleven Ships at his own Expence, sailed with them to the Coasts of *Portugal*, with design to intercept the *East-India* Carracks bound out from *Lisbon*; but the Enemy, upon notice of his lying off the Coast, determined to lose their Voyage, and not go out till next Season; of which he having Intelligence, thought it would be to no purpose to wait for them, and therefore made the best of his way to the *Canaries*, where he took and plundered the Island and Town of *Lancerota*; from whence he made sail for *America*, and arriving at the Island *Porto Rico*, landed some Men, and attacking the Town, soon made himself Master of it, with the Loss of not above thirty of his Men, tho' there were in the Place a Garrison of four hundred Soldiers, besides the Inhabitants. Being possessed of this Town and Port, he intended, on account of its convenient Situation, to have made it his Seat of War, and from thence to have cruised against the Enemy, and with that View turned out all the Inhabitants, notwithstanding the vast Offers of Gold and Silver Plate they made for their Continuance. But, after about forty Days Stay there, the bloody Flux and other Distempers carried off such great Numbers of his Men, that he was forced to quit the same, and returned to *England* with more Glory than Wealth, bringing with him above sixty Pieces of Brass Cannon.

Earl of Cumberland takes Lancerota, and proceeds to America. He takes Porto Rico.

Sickness of his Men obliges the Earl of Cumberland to return.

1600.

Queen Elizabeth erects an East-India Company.

Soon after this Queen *Elizabeth*, for the Increase of Trade and Improvement of Navigation, erecting an *East-India* Company, they in the Year 1600 sent out three Ships to that Country, under the Conduct of *James Lancaster*, whom we have already mentioned as the first *Englishman* who made a Trading Voyage to those Parts. Thither the Company continued to send Ships every Year, and in a short time established several Factories in the *Mogul's* Empire, in both the *Peninsula's* of *India*, and in *Sumatra*, *Java*, *China*, and *Japan*.

1601.

The *Spaniards* having about this time brought some Gallies to *Stuys*, in order to cruise from thence chiefly against the *Zealand* Privateers, they did also take their Opportunities sometimes to infest the Coasts of *Kent*; whereupon the Queen thought fit to build likewise some Gallies, to the Charge whereof the City of *London* very liberally contributed, and they were furnished with Men for the Oar from the several Jails; but this Project proved in the end to little purpose.

The English build Gallies.

1602.

The next Year was fitted out a Squadron of eight of her Majesty's Men of War, to which being added some hired Ships, they were put under

under the Command of Sir *Richard Levison*, and Sir *William Monson*, for an Expedition to the Coasts of *Spain*. The former setting Sail with part of the Squadron, left *Monson* to wait for the Arrival of some *Dutch* Ships which were to join in this Service, but having expected them several Days in vain, he made the best of his way after Sir *Richard Levison*, who in the mean time having fallen in with the *Spanish Flota*, from *America*, consisting of thirty eight Sail, had bravely engaged them with his few Ships, though as it happened without Effect. Upon Sir *William Monson's* joining him, they continued for seven Days cruising on the Coast of *Portugal*, and there receiving Intelligence that a large Carrack was just arrived at *Cezimbra*, near St. *Ube's*, and that there were eleven Gallies in the same Harbour, (three of them *Portuguese*, and the rest bound for *Flanders*, under the Command of *Frederick Spinola*, to cruise against the *Dutch*) Sir *Richard Levison* took a Resolution of attacking them, and entering the Harbour, came to an Anchor before the Gallies, which having cannonaded very furiously for seven Hours together, they, unable to hold it out any longer, used all their Endeavours to escape, but two of them were taken and burnt, with a great Quantity of Gunpowder on board, and the rest, much disabled, made a shift to get round to *Lisbon*. Hereupon the Admiral sent a Message to the Commander of the Carrack, willing him immediately to surrender the Ship, Guns, and Cargo, if he expected any Mercy, which, after two or three Parleys, he consented to do, and the *English* triumphantly sailed home with their Prize, valued at a Million of Ducats.

A Squadron under Levison and Monson.

Levison engages the Spanish Flota.

The Enemy's Gallies attack'd at Cezimbra.

The English take a rich Carrack.

Sir *William Monson* was presently sent out again to remain on the *Spanish* Coasts till the middle of the Winter, for preventing any Attempts from thence on *Ireland*, about which time *Spinola*, with his eight Gallies which had escaped from *Cezimbra*, making the best of his way for *Flanders*, arrived near the Straights of *Dover*, where Sir *Robert Mansel*, with some of her Majesty's Ships, was cruising off the *South Foreland* to intercept him, as were also some *Dutch* Ships on the *French* and *Flemish* Coasts with the like Design, who falling in with the Enemy near the *Goodwin*, attacked them with such Success, that, out of the eight Gallies, only that commanded by *Spinola* himself escaped to *Dunkirk*, the rest being all either sunk in the Engagement, or lost on the Coast of *Flanders*.

The Spanish Gallies taken near Dover.

Shortly after, Death put an end to this long and happy Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, who, by these many great Exploits performed under her Influence, raised the Nation's Glory to the highest Pitch it ever before reached, and fully made good the Titles bestowed on her in the Beginning of her Reign, that she was the Restorer of Naval Glory, and the Mistress of the Ocean.

1603. *Queen Elizabeth dies.*

C H A P. XVIII.

Of the Naval Transactions of the English, from the Beginning of the Reign of King James I. to the breaking out of the first Dutch War in 1652.

English foreign Plantations settled by King James.

Several Ships added to the Royal Navy by him. 1617.

Raleigh proceeds with a Squadron to Guiana.

King James discovers Raleigh's Design.

The Town of St. Thomas plundered.

During the pacifick Government of King *James I.* there happened but little remarkable at Sea. The Tranquillity of the Times, however, afforded Leisure and Opportunity for settling the Plantations in *Virginia, New England,* and the Isle of *Bermudas,* which, tho' some Planters had been transported thither in the late Reign, were never thoroughly settled and established till now. And the King, tho' such a Lover of Peace, did not omit to provide against a War, by taking the prudent Care to build for many Ships as increased the Royal Navy, (then indeed a small one) to almost double the Number it was on his Accession to the Crown, as we have elsewhere observed.

In 1617 Sir *Walter Raleigh*, who had lain long in the Tower, on account of a Conspiracy in the Beginning of this Reign, got some Proposals laid before the King concerning the Discovery of Gold Mines in *Guiana*, whereupon he obtained his Enlargement to go in search thereof, and several private Gentlemen embarking in the Design, a Fleet of twelve Ships was fitted out at their joint Charge, with which *Raleigh* arriving at *Trinidada* Island, after a long and troublesome Passage, found the *Spaniards* in those Parts fully apprized of his coming, and provided for their Defence; King *James* having at the same time he granted him his Commission, communicated the Project to the *Spanish* Ambassador Count *Gondamore*, who, doubtless, did not fail to dispatch Advice thereof to his Master. Nevertheless Sir *Walter Raleigh*, being himself ill of a dangerous Sickness, and therefore remaining at *Trinidada*, sent the five lightest of his Ships up the River *Oronoque* in search of the Mines, under the Conduct of Captain *Keymish*, who arriving at the Town of *St. Thomas*, near which the Mines lay, found the Passages there so difficult, and so well lined with *Spaniards* and *Indians*, who fired thick upon him, that he was forced to give over the Enterprize, and return without performing any thing but plundering and burning the Town of *St. Thomas*, which the *Spaniards* (not being numerous enough to defend both that and the Mines) had deserted: And upon his Arrival at *Trinidada*, Sir *Walter Raleigh* made the best of his way home from this unsuccessful Expedition; which the *Spanish* Ambassador so aggravated to the King, as an Infringement of the Peace and Amity between the two Crowns, (tho' certainly the King's granting the Commission was every whit as much so) that the unfortunate Gentleman was called up to the former Sentence of Death passed upon him for the aforesaid Conspiracy, (altho' the Commission, granted after, it could not but most effectually invalidate the

fame) and was sacrificed upon the Scaffold to the Resentments of the King of *Spain*. Raleigh executed.

Count *Gondomar*, that Prince's Ambassador in *England*, had now gained to great an Ascendant at our Court, that, at his Sollicitations, there was fitted out a Fleet for the Mediterranean, under the Command of Sir *Robert Mansel*, to humble the *Algerines*, who much infested the *Spaniards*. Which Fleet did accordingly sail to *Algier*, but meeting with little or no Success there, soon returned home, and the *Algerines* took the next Year about five and thirty *English* and *Scotch* Ships. 1620. Sir Robert Mansel sent against the Algerines.

Shortly after this the *English* suffered a worse Treatment from the *Dutch* at *Amboina*, in the *East-Indies*, where, under pretence of a Plot formed by the *English* Factory, to expel them the Island, (though we had but twenty Men upon it, and they above two hundred Garrison Soldiers in the Castle, and eight Ships riding in the Road) they put them to the most exquisite Tortures, thereby to force them to a Confession of this pretended Conspiracy, which yet they were not able to do. Ten of them having expired on the Rack with Protestations of their Innocency, the rest, who survived their Torments, had the favour to be transported to other of the *English* Plantations in those Parts, and the *Dutch* obtaining their End, engrossed into their Hands the whole Trade of the Island, which they have ever since enjoyed. 1612. The Dutch use the English barbarously at Amboina.

King *James* a little before his Death (which happened in 1625) in a Treaty which he made with *France*, engaged to lend the *French* King some Ships to be employed against the King of *Spain*, or his Allies in *Italy*. To comply with this Agreement, King *Charles*, on his Accession to the Throne, sent Captain *John Pennington* with his Majesty's Ship the *Vanguard*, and six hired Merchant Ships over to the Coast of *France*, to be employed in the *French* Service. But the *French* King being hotly engaged in a War with his Protestant Subjects, now intended to make use of them for the Reduction of *Rochelle*; which *Pennington* becoming sensible of, immediately wrote Advice thereof to the Duke of *Buckingham*, then Lord High Admiral, and desired to decline so odious a Service, and that he might have leave to return to *England*; whereupon his Orders were more strongly enforced, and left the Lord High Admiral's should not be thought sufficient, the King himself signed an Order to him to employ the Ships on such Service as his Most Christian Majesty should direct; from whom at the same time he received a Letter, requiring him to take on board a Number of *French* Soldiers, with his Admiral the Duke *de Montmorency*, and repair before *Rochelle*. This Captain *Pennington*, with a true *English* Heart, bravely refused to do; whereupon the *French* Officer who had conveyed the Orders to him, came on board the *Vanguard* to protest against him as a Rebel to his King and Country; and not contented with having once done it, returned a second time to enforce his Protestation with Threats and Menaces, at which the Seamen were so enraged, that, in a violent Fury and Tumult, they weighed Anchor, and set sail, crying, *They would rather be hanged at home,* 1615. Pennington sent with a Squadron to France. Pennington, and those with him, refuse to serve against the Rochellers.

than be Slaves to the French, and fight against their own Religion; and accordingly returned to the Downs. The Captain sending an Express to Court with Advice of his Proceedings, immediately received a positive Order under the King's Sign Manual to return and deliver up the Ships into the Hands of a French Officer at Dieppe, which he was at length forced to comply with, but quitted the Command himself, as all the Englishmen, both Officers and Seamen except one, did their Ships, and returned to England. So hard is it for the honest English Sailor to be made subservient to Popish Interests.

The scandalous Treatment the late King had receiv'd from the Spaniards, relating to the Match and the Palatine, had, notwithstanding all his Inclinations to Peace, enforced him, a little before his Death, to resolve on a War with Spain. In prosecution whereof, King Charles, upon his coming to the Crown, fitted out a Fleet for an Expedition against that Kingdom. The Command thereof, instead of being bestowed on Sir Robert Mansel, an old and experienced Seaman, and Vice-Admiral of England, was given to Sir Edward Cecil, a Soldier trained in the Low-Country Wars, who, for the Honour of the Enterprize, was created Viscount Wimbledon; and agreeable to the Choice of the General was the Success of this Expedition. His Fleet consisted of eighty Sail, of which Number some were Ships of the States-General; and the Earls of Essex and Denbigh were his Vice and Rear-Admirals; with which setting sail from Plymouth, when he was got some few Leagues at Sea, he was encounter'd with a violent Storm, which dispersed the Fleet, so that they were many Days before they got together at their appointed Rendezvous off Cape St. Vincent. From thence proceeding to the Bay of Cadiz, they found there, near the Punta, fourteen great Ships, and twelve Gallies, which, through Neglect and Mismanagement, they suffered to escape; for though the Earl of Essex, pursuant to the General's Orders, did very resolutely and bravely attack them, yet the rest of the Fleet not coming up timely to his Assistance, the Spanish Ships, after having given the Earl a warm Salute or two, retired over to Port Real: To which Place it was not thought fit to follow them, whether through the Ignorance of the Pilots, or Unskillfulness of the General, is hard to determine. So that failing in this Enterprize, they attacked the Castle of Punta, and, with the Loss of a great many Men, made a shift to achieve the Reduction of that Place: After which having made some ineffectual Efforts against the Town of Cadiz, the Troops were re-imbarked, and the Fleet set sail for Cape St. Vincent, to cruise in the Offing of that Place for the Flota from America, where having waited for some time in vain, the Men began to grow very sickly; when, to compleat the Miscarriages of this Expedition, the sick Men were distributed through the whole Fleet, two to each Ship, by which means the Sickness was increased to such a degree, that there were scarce Hands enough left to carry the Fleet home, which in the Month of December returned ingloriously to England.

King Charles
fitted out a Fleet
against the
Spaniards,
under the Lord
Wimbledon.

The English
and Dutch
arrive at Ca-
diz.

Partial Castle
taken.

The Fleet in-
gloriously re-
turns.

The foremention'd delivering up of the Ships under Captain *Pennington* to the *French*, was to highly distasteful to the People of *England*, and made them so jealous of the Court, that it was thought fit, when it was publickly known they had been employ'd against the *Rochellers*, to exclaim against that Proceeding as a Collusion of the Treaty whereby they were lent, and to demand the immediate Restitution of them; which the *French King* excusing himself from complying with at present, on pretence that his Subjects by whom they were manned would not now quit them, when they were on immediate Service, the Lord High Admiral issued out Commissions of Reprizal, whereby the *St. Peter of Havre de Grace* was taken with other *French Merchant Ships*: Whereupon the *French King* not only absolutely refused to restore the seven Ships, but seized on all the *English Merchants Effects* throughout his Dominions. However, for some Reasons of State, these Breaches were patched up for a while, and mutual Restitution made on both sides, till soon after, upon the Dismission of the Queen's *French Servants*, an open Rupture ensued, by the *French King's* seizing a hundred and twenty *English Merchant Ships* in the several Ports and Rivers of his Kingdom, which was immediately followed by a Declaration of War on our side. The Grounds thereof, among others, were the *French King's* Breach of his Articles with his Protestant Subjects, and his blocking up their Towns, Garrisons and Forts. In order therefore to relieve them, a Fleet of thirty Ships was immediately fitted out under the Earl of *Denbigh*, with Orders to proceed to *Rochelle*; but the Ships, when they were gotten a few Leagues into the Sea, suffered so much by bad Weather, that they were forced to return into Harbour, and the Season was so late, (being the latter end of *October*) that they could not be sent out again till next Year.

The English resent the lending Ships to France.

The French refuse to return our Ships, and seize the English Effects.

English Merchant Ships seized by the French. England declares War against France. 1626.

A Squadron sent to relieve the Rochellers to no purpose.

The Duke of Buckingham sent to relieve the Rochellers.

Against that time was prepared a more considerable Fleet for this Service, consisting of above a hundred Sail of Ships, ten of them the King's Men of War, and the rest pressed or hired from the Merchants, with a Body of six or seven thousand Land-Soldiers, the whole to be commanded by the Duke of *Buckingham*, both as Admiral and General, but the Success was very unworthy the Greatness of the Preparations.

There are various Accounts of this inglorious Expedition, though all of them agree as to the ill Conduct throughout the whole; but that it may appear in as clear a Light as I am able to set it, from some Papers which I have had the Perusal of, (having unfortunately lost an original Journal kept by Sir *William Beecher*, who was Secretary to the Duke of *Buckingham*) I refer the Reader to the following Narrative.

After the Fleet had been a Fortnight at Sea, they arrived off of the Isle of *Rhe*, on the eleventh of *July*, when a Council of War being called, the General gave Orders for putting the Troops on Shore. There was not any thing more done that Night, than the firing some Shot from the Ships of War against the Fort *de la Prée*, by which the Enemy received little or no Damage; but next Day the Duke of *Soubize* was sent to *Rochelle*, in Company of Sir *William*

The English arrive off of the Isle of Rhe. 1627.

Duke of Soubize sent to Rochelle.

liam Beecher, Secretary to the General, to inform themselves of the Intentions of those People, whom (though they had very much pressed for our Assistance) they found not inclinable to declare for us, until they had consulted the Heads of the League. The same Day about four in the Afternoon, the Soldiers began to disembark, and no sooner were they landed between twelve and fifteen hundred Men, with three or four small Field-Pieces, than the Enemy from the Citadel of *St. Martin's*, (the chief Place of the Island) to the Number of about two hundred Horse, and a thousand Foot, attacked them, and the Cavalry charging with great Fierceness before the *English* were formed, put them in no small Disorder, insomuch that many in the Rear were drowned; but at length, by the gallant Behaviour of our Officers, they rallied, and killed about a hundred of the Enemy's Horse. Their Foot seeing the Cavalry had suffered, came on very unwillingly, and after they had stood two or three Volleys of Shot, and received some Damage from our Pike-Men, they betook themselves to flight, and left our Troops Masters of the Ground, but with the Loss of some of our bravest Commanders.

Some of the English landing, were attacked.

The English Horse disembark.

The Enemy did not attack as they ought.

That Night the Horse began to disembark, and the Foot were busied in making Retrenchments, that so they might be the better able to maintain the Ground they had gotten; but had the Enemy been as discreet as they at first shewed themselves valiant, we should not so easily have made good our landing; for had they began to charge with their Foot, and received our first Fire, and then have flanked us with their Horse, they would doubtless have done much more Damage; but, to our great good Fortune, it happened otherwise, occasioned, as it was said, by a Dissension among themselves; for *Monsieur Toiras*, Governor of the Island, having promised the Baron *St. Andrew* the Honour of the first Charge, he afterwards gave it to his own Brother, whereat, it is said, the Baron being much discontented, would not charge at all, nor suffer his Troops to second the Van; but a much greater Misfortune happened on our side; for had our Troops, while the Enemy were in this Confusion, followed them immediately, there was good reason to believe they might have soon made themselves Masters of *St. Martin's*, which was very indifferently provided for Defence; but instead of that, five Days were spent to no purpose e'er they marched from their Camp, during which time the Enemy had Opportunities of getting in Provisions and strengthening themselves.

The English give the Enemy time to provide for their Defence.

Two Days after the Baron *Ambellent* came to bury their Dead, of whom the better sort were carry'd to *St. Martin's*; as for the rest, our Soldiers had Money from him to put them under Ground; and in the Afternoon, about three a Clock, the Duke of *Soubize* came from *Rochelle* with some few Gentlemen, and about five hundred Soldiers, whereupon our Troops marched out of their Trenches, at the Distance of about three or four Bows Shot, where, it being late, both Horse and Foot quartered that Night.

Duke of Soubize returns from Rochelle.

The English neglect taking a Fort.

The fifteenth in the Morning our Troops, to avoid the Fort *de la Prée*, which was situated in their direct way, marched five or six Miles about on sandy Ground, by which they were very much fatigued,

fatigued, and thereby an Opportunity was not only lost of taking the said Fort, which the Enemy had then abandoned, but the Advantage of securing a Retreat, and they thereby gaining time, repossessed themselves of it, and put it into such a Condition, as enabled them to annoy us very much afterwards.

As our Troops passed along, all the Villages submitted to them; and they received no Interruption in their March that Day, tho' towards the Evening some of the Enemy's Horse appeared upon a distant Hill, but did not think fit to approach. When it was near Night our Troops came before a little Town called *la Flotte*, into which Place they entered the next Morning early, and stayed there the best Part of the Day, when Monsieur *Toiras* sent a Challenge to fight forty of his Horse against the same Number of ours; but this being done on purpose to gain time, it was therefore not accepted, for the Enemy had been very remiss in furnishing the Citadel with sufficient Provisions, although they had been advertized of our intended Expedition, not only from *England*, but by a *Dutchman*, who set Sail from *Portsmouth* at the same time our Fleet did, laden with Powder, Shot, Pikes, and other warlike Implements, and when our Ships were dispersed by chasing several *Dunkirkers*, took that Opportunity of getting into *St. Martin's* five or six Days before the General arrived.

Villages submit to the English.

A Challenge sent by Toiras.

The Enemy had notice of our Design.

On the Approach of the Army to *St. Martin's*, Monsieur *Toiras* quitted the Town, and retired into the Citadel, when some of the Chief of the Place coming with a white Flag to the Duke, and desiring him to take the Town into his Protection, our Troops marched in, upon whom the Enemy fired all Day, but did little or no Harm.

The English enter St. Martin's.

A Council of War being called, Sir *John Burroughs*, who had well viewed the Citadel, assured the Duke that it was impossible to take it by Assault, and that now to starve them was equally difficult; for they had Opportunities of conveying considerable Quantities of Provisions thercinto, between Wednesday the time of our coming to the Island, and Tuesday following, when we arrived at *St. Martin's*: wherefore he advised his Grace to pillage the Island, and to go to *Oleron*, or some other Place where they might have a better Prospect of Success; but his Advice was not adhered to, for the Duke, besides the Engagement of his Honour, as he pretended, rely'd too much on those who flattered him, and promised effectually to prevent the Enemy's conveying any Succours into the Fort.

The 18th Sir *William Beecher* and Mr. *Grahme* were dispatched to *England*, to hasten the *Irish* Troops which were designed for this Service, together with Money and Provisions; and on the 21st Sir *Peregrine Bertie's* Regiment was sent to *la Flotte*, to join with Sir *Henry Sprye's*, which, together with the Horse, were to maintain that Place; and our People having landed some Ordnance, and erected a Battery, there was almost a continual Fire between the Army and the Citadel, for two or three Days, wherein we had the

Sir William Beecher sent to England to hasten Irish Forces.

English and the French fire at each other.

worst; for as our Men lay much expos'd, so was it not in our Power to do the Enemy any considerable Damage.

*A pretended
Defier came
to the Camp.*

The 24th there was little more done than the burning some Windmills, in one of which were 30 Musqueteers, who surrender'd; and on the 27th, notwithstanding all our Precautions, three or four Barks loaden with Provisions got in to the Relief of the Citadel, from whence there came a Person three Days after, who pretended to be a Defier, and desired to be admitted to the Duke. His confident Behaviour render'd him suspected, and being search'd by some of the Duke's Favourites, there was found about him, as they said, a poisoned Dagger, wherupon being threatened with the Torture, he confessed that he was sent by the Governor to kill the *English* General; but however the Fact itself was, Monsieur *Toiras* sent to his Grace, and assured him that he was altogether ignorant of any such Design.

*Remissness of
the English.*

Notwithstanding it had been concluded at a Council of War that it was impossible to take the Citadel, otherwise than by starving the Garrison in it, yet in all the time our Troops lay before it, there were not any measures taken to block them up by a Line of Circumvallation, but, instead thereof, Batteries were rais'd before we made our Approaches, so that the Passage was open for carrying what Provisions they had into the Fort, and to give Intelligence of the Circumstances of our Army.

*English en-
trench.*

At length, when Necessity compelled thereunto, our Troops began to entrench the 3^d of *August*, and two Days after some of the Pioneers and Soldiers being at Work, between thirty and forty of the Enemy's Horse fall'd out of the Fort upon them, but were repuls'd with little Loss on our Side.

*A Body of Sea-
men landed.*

On the 9th the Duke caus'd five hundred Seamen to be brought on shore, and gave the Command of them to Captain *Weedal*, with a Commission to be Colonel, but they having but little Experience in Land Affairs, and being but ill provided for annoying the Enemy, or even to defend themselves, it was no marvel they did but little Service. On the 12th the *French* which came with Monsieur *Soubize*, together with Captain *Shugborow*, and Captain *Padon*, following the Directions of the Duke, contrary to the Advice of Sir *John Burroughs*, fell upon the Enemy's Works, but were repuls'd with considerable Loss.

*Irish Supplies
arrive.*

*Citadel desires
a Parly.*

The 2^d of *September* the *Irish* Supplies arriv'd under the Command of Sir *Ralph Bingley*, and Sir *Peter Crosby*, and this Day those in the Citadel desired a Parly. The Gentleman who came with the Message said that those in the Fort knew of the Arrival of the additional Troops as soon as we did in the Camp, but the Subject of his Errand was not known to any one besides the Duke himself. It was pretended, indeed, that he came to see a Brother of his who had been taken Prisoner; and, besides this, there were divers other Messages pass'd between the Governor and his Grace, with Presents of Mellons and other Things, insomuch that the Duke grew very distrustful to the Officers of the Army, since he did not think fit to im-

*The Duke dis-
tastful to the
Army.*

part

part any thing to them, or to permit them to the Speech of any of the Messengers. However, the Governor being alarmed at the Arrival of our Supplies, sent an account thereof to the *French King* his Master, who drew his Army towards *Rochelle*, and by forming, as it were, a Blockade, made a Shew as if he designed to take the Town, though his real Intentions were to land Men on the Island, which was soon after effected.

French King draws towards Rochelle.

At last the *Rochellers* declared for the *English*, and the Duke of *Rohan* gave Commissions to raise Forces for Preservation of the Edict of Peace lately granted, but violated by the *French King*, who on the other hand declared he would observe the said Edict, and proclaiming the Dukes of *Rohan* and *Soubize* Traitors, offered Rewards for killing them.

Rochellers at last declare for the English.

Duke of Rohan, &c. declared Traitor.

By this time the *French* had got a considerable Supply of Shipping from the *Spaniards*, which with their own Navy made up above a hundred, a Force superior to that of ours, for although the *English* Fleet at first setting out consisted of more than a hundred Sail, yet were there not above ten of the King's own Ships among them. But though the Enemy were thus superior in Naval Strength they declined engaging, and proposed nothing more to themselves than the getting necessary Supplies into the Citadel, and to tire out the Besiegers; to carry on which Design the Governor pretended to enter into a Treaty to surrender on honourable Terms, and prevailed with the Duke to give safe Conduct for a Messenger he was

French Navy increased by the Spaniards.

sending to the *French King*, on condition that an *English* Gentleman should accompany him, and be suffered to pass through *France* into *England*, but on their Arrival in the *French* Camp, the *English* Gentleman, contrary to Faith given, was detain'd in Custody, while the *Frenchman* effectually performed his Errand, and returned to *St. Martin's*, upon whose Arrival Monsieur *Toiras* put an end to the sham Treaty. Some Days after Preparations were making for the Assault of the Fort de la *Prée* (which by our Neglect, as hath been already observed, the Enemy had re-possessed and strengthened) and in order thereto several Pieces of Ordnance were landed at *la Flotte*. Sir *Alexander Brett* had undertaken this Service, but it was afterwards thought not convenient to divide the Forces for a matter judged of so small Consequence, though in effect it proved otherwise, for what was thus so much set at nought, proved a severe Thorn in our Sides e'er the Troops left the Island.

An English and French Gentleman sent to the French King. The French detain the English Gentleman.

On the 11th a Bark of forty or fifty Tuns arrived at the Citadel with Provisions, at which Vessel about five hundred Shot were to no Purpose fired from the Ships, and soon after Sir *John Burroughs* (a valiant and experienced Commander) was slain, while he was viewing our Works, with whom ended all reasonable Hopes of Succes.

Provisions got into the Citadel.

Sir John Burroughs slain.

The 17th Mr. *Asburnham* who had been sent in Company with *Toiras's* Messenger to the *French King*, (as aforesaid) returning to the Camp, was presently dispatched for *England*, and two Days after Monsieur *St. Serin* came to the Army, with whom the Duke at first deny'd to speak, and sent him a Prisoner on board of the Ship commanded

Monsieur St. Serin comes to the English Camp.

commanded by Captain *Porter*, but there he did not long remain, for returning to the Army again, he was entertained by his Grace with great Respect.

Provisions,
&c. arrive
from Eng-
land.
and
Supplies are
gotten into the
Fort.

The 20th about Break of Day a great Number of Boats were discovered making towards the Citadel, but the Alarm being given they put back again, and our smallest Ships chasing them, took five loaden with Victuals and warlike Stores. On the 24th Sir *Henry Palmer* arrived from *England*, with thirteen Ships loaden with Provisions, and Necessaries for the Army, and two or three Days after that there came to the Citadel fifteen or sixteen Boats from the Main, with at least two Months Provisions, Powder and Shot, which they stood in great need of, for they had not for fifteen Days before fired so much as one Shot; and our Soldiers marched to their Guards in open View of them, without running the Hazard even of a Musket Ball; insomuch that had not this Supply arrived as it did, they would have been obliged to surrender. And now, to add to our Misfortunes, the Soldiers began to fall sick, and the Provisions which came from *England* were quickly spent, or render'd unfit for Men to eat, not but that the *Rochellers* assisted them with what they were able.

Provision
made for an
Assault.

On the 13th great Preparations were made for an Assault, after the Enemy had had but too many Opportunities of strengthening themselves; nor would the Duke have been persuaded from it, if foul Weather had not happened, and this although the Generals, and Field Officers had given it under their Hands that it was a thing altogether impracticable, and withal persuaded him to depart before the Enemy had landed too many Men on the Island; but this their wholsom Advice was answered with Contempt.

The English
ordered to quit
the Trenches,
which
the French
possess them-
selves of.

The 21st his Grace, upon Advice that a Reinforcement for the Enemy was landed near the *Fort de la Prée*, ordered the Troops to quit the Trenches, and march to oppose them, which was no sooner done but those in the Citadel sallied out, and possessed themselves of them, so that after our People had had tolerable Success, and forced the *French* Recruits to retire under the Cover of the Guns of the *Fort de la Prée*, when they returned to the Camp they were obliged to dispute for the Recovery of the Trenches, and many Men were lost before they could gain them. About the middle of *October* the Duke held a Council of War, and had Thoughts of returning to *England*, which the Officers also advised; but *Soubize* dissuaded him from it, alledging that the Enemy's Recruits were not considerable, that the Earl of *Holland* was coming from *England* with a Reinforcement; that a Retreat would occasion the Loss of *Rochelle*, and bring great Dishonour to the King, by undertaking such an Enterprize to so little purpose; whereupon the Duke resolved to continue the Siege, and to storm the Citadel and Works, which was accordingly done in few Days, wherein after we had lost a considerable Number of Men, it was found inaccessible.

Soubize pre-
vails, with the
Duke not to
retreat.

The Citadel
stormed to no
purpose.

Although the Enemy were daily reinforced, yet would not the Duke be persuaded to be gone, even though Sir *Edward Hawley*, and Major *Brett* came to him, in the Name of the Council of War,

to entreat him to march away; but some of Sir *William Cunningham's* Horse coming to his Grace, and informing him that they heard great firing on the Main, he commanded the Troops to march, which they did, but left several sick Men behind, whose Throats were inhumanly cut by the Enemy, and their Bodies sent off in a Bark from the Shore two or three Days after.

The Duke orders the Troops to march off.

The great Oversight of not having taken Possession of the Fort *de la Prée*, to cover and secure the Embarcation of the Troops in Case of a Retreat, now too visibly appeared; for the Enemy being by this time grown so strong in that Place, and the adjacent Parts of the Island where the Duke had landed, that he durst not venture thither, to have an Enemy both before and behind him, there was now no Place left where the Troops could embark, but the Isle *de l'Oye*, separated from the rest of the Island by Salt Pits and a small Chancel, the Passage to which lay over a long and narrow Causeway. Thither the Duke taking his March, was immediately followed at the Heels by the Enemy, that were equal in Foot, but much superior in Horse, who well knowing the Advantage they should soon have of the *English* when they came to the Causeway, forbore to attack them, though they faced about several times, and offered them Battel. But no sooner had the Troops entered the Causeway than they charged them in the Rear with great Fury, when the Horse giving way pressed in upon the Foot, and made the Croud so tumultuous that great Numbers fell into the Salt Pits, or perished in the Chancel, besides those whom the Enemy killed, which were very many. When they had passed the Causeway they drew up, and made a brave Stand against the pursuing Enemy, who, after a short Dispute, thought fit to repass it, and the *English* having guarded it with some chosen Troops all Day, burnt it down at Night, and without any farther Attempts from the Enemy, were the next Day put on board the Fleet; with which the Duke having just appeared before *Rochelle* to send in a Message, made the best of his Way to *England*, having lost since his first landing on the Island about fifty Officers, near two thousand common Soldiers, five and thirty Prisoners of Note, and forty four Colours, which were carried to *Paris*, and hung up as Trophies in the Cathedral there. And thus ended this Expedition with great Dishonour to the *English*, and equal Glory to the *French*, but in particular to Monsieur *Toiras*, who for having so bravely, with a handful of Men, defended a small Fort (for no other is it, tho' our Journals and Accounts dignify it with the Title of a Citadel) against a numerous Fleet and Army, was not long after advanced to the high Dignity of a *Marschal of France*. Nothing but a Concurrence of several Miscarriages could have render'd this Attempt in all Points so ineffectual on our Side; and one who was employ'd in the Expedition sums them up in the following Particulars.

Overfight in not taking the Fort, de la Prée.

The French attack the English in their Retreat.

The Losses of the English at the Isle of Rhe.

1. The Want of timely Supplies of Money.

2. The not adhering to the Resolutions at first taken; for although all the Ships had their sealed Rendezvous for *St. Martin's*, yet was it determined, when the Fleet was at Sea, to go to *Bourdeaux*; and although the chiefst Hopes of Success depended on Expedition, yet

Principal Causes of our ill Success at the Isle of Rhe.

were many Ships ordered to chase some which belong'd to *Dunkirk*, until it was within an Hour of Night, insomuch that the Fleet was thereby divided, and those which gave chase wandered to and fro at least eight Days, not daring to go either to *St. Martin's* or *Bourdeaux*, lest they should be discovered, nay even those forty which remained in a Body were upon the Point of returning, for Want of sufficient Provisions for the Soldiers.

3. That before *Soubize* was sent to *Rochelle*, the Duke acquainted him with his Thoughts of landing the Troops on the Isle of *Oleron*, which he well approved of, the Forces there being but few, and the Forts weakly mann'd and victual'd, dissuading him at the same time from going to the Isle of *Rhe*, because there was on that Island a considerable Force of Horse and Foot, and a Citadel well fortified; but the Duke not staying for the Return of *Soubize*, altered his Resolution, and shaped his Course for the Isle of *Rhe*.

4. When the Troops were landed, and had, by the Assistance of Providence, put to flight the Enemy's Troops that oppos'd them, the taking Advantage of the Fear and Confusion they were in was wholly neglected; for four Days time was given them to gather into the Citadel most of the Provisions of the Town and Country.

5. The leaving the Fort *de la Prée* behind them near the Place where they landed, without so much as summoning it, which gave the Enemy an Opportunity of landing three or four thousand Men, and two hundred Horse in the Month of *October*, by which our Troops were defeated, as hath been related.

6. That although our Fleet was of sufficient Strength to engage all they might have met with, yet for Want of small, and proper Vessels, the Enemy's Barks very often carried Supplies to the Citadel which lay open to the Sea.

7. The General's not being governed by the Opinion of the Officers at a Council of War, who were (as hath been already observed) not only against attacking the Citadel, but gave their Reasons for the same under their Hands, notwithstanding which the Duke ordered an Assault to be given to it, wherein we lost near five hundred Men, without doing the Enemy any considerable Damage.

Our Fleet and Troops being gone, the *French* King closely block'd up the *Rochellers*, who yet had some Dependence on the Duke of *Buckingham*, for he promised them to return to their Assistance; and tho' he did not go in Person, a Fleet of about fifty Sail were fitted out, under Command of the Earl of *Denbigh*, who set Sail therewith from *Plimouth*, the seventeenth of *April*, and came to an Anchor in the Road of *Rochelle* the first of *May*. Before the Harbour's Mouth he found twenty of the *French* King's Ships, to which he was superior in Strength, and sent word into the Town that he would sink them as soon as the Winds and Tide would permit; but being on the eighth of *May*, favoured both by one and the other, and the *Rochellers* expecting he would do what he had promised, he, without attempting it, returned to *Plimouth* the twenty sixth, which caused no small Murmurings and Jealousies in *England*.

The French King blocks up the *Rochellers* and the Earl of *Denbigh* sent to their Assistance. 1628.

He returns without attempting any thing.

A third Fleet was prepared for the Relief of *Rochelle*, to be commanded by the Duke himself, the Town being then reduced to the last Extremities, but he being, on the twenty third of *August*, stabled at *Portsmouth* by one *Felton*, a discontented Officer, the Earl of *Lindsey* was appointed to command it, and set Sail the eighth of *September*. The Ships were but ill supplied with Stores and Provisions, and coming before *Rochelle*, they found no *French Navy* to oppose them, but a very strong *Barricado* across the Entry of the Port, to force which many brave Attempts were made, but in vain, so that the *Rochellers* being thus distressed, and in Despair, implored the *French King's Mercy*, and surrender'd on the eighteenth of *October*; soon after which a Peace ensued between the two Crowns, and the Protestants were glad to submit to any Terms, with the bare Toleration of their Religion. But very remarkable it is that our Fleet was no sooner departed from before *Rochelle*, than so great a Part of the *Barricado* fell down, as to make an Opening sufficient for a large Ship to pass through.

Duke of Buckingham stabled at Portsmouth. A Fleet sails to Rochelle with the Earl of Lindsey. Rochellers submit to the French King.

Our Reputation at Sea had suffered so much by these late Miscarriages, that Pirates of all the neighbouring Nations took the Liberty to infest the narrow Seas; and the *Dutch*, upon Pretence of some Arguments for the Freedom of Navigation, and Community of the Sea, which the learned *Hugo Grotius*, their Countryman, had made use of in a Treatise beforementioned, styled *Mare Liberum*, began to challenge a Right to the Fishery on our Coasts, which, by the Connivance of our Princes, they had been tolerated in the Use of. To refute those Arguments of theirs, and defend that Claim of ours, the famous Mr. *Selden* was employed by the King, (as we have before observ'd) to write his excellent *Mare Clausum*, wherein he having with great Industry, Learning, and Judgment, asserted the Right of the Crown of *England* to the Dominion of the *British* Seas, the King paid such Honour to the Performance, that, shortly after the Publication, he made an Order in Council that one of those Books should be kept in the Council Chest, another in the Court of Exchequer, and a third in the Court of Admiralty, as a faithful and strong Evidence to the Dominion of the *British* Sea. But more effectually to assert the same, a Fleet of sixty stout Ships of War was, the same Year, fitted out under the Command of *Algernoon Earl of Northumberland*, now made Lord High Admiral, who sailing to the Northward, where the *Dutch* Busses were fishing on our Coasts, required them to desist, which they not readily doing, he fired at them, took and sunk some, and dispersed the rest; whereupon the *Dutch* solicited the Admiral to mediate with the King that they might have Leave go on with their fishing this Summer, for which they would pay to his Majesty thirty thousand Pound; and they accordingly did so, and signified their Inclination to have a Grant from the King to do the like for the future, upon paying a yearly Tribute.

Pirates of all Nations infest the English Seas. Grotius writes his Mare Liberum, and Selden his Mare Clausum.

1636.

Dutch fishing Busses attacked by the Earl of Northumberland. The Dutch pay a Tribute so fish.

In 1639 the *Spanish Fleet* under *Don Antonio de Oquendo*, appeared on the *English* Coasts, and had that Engagement with the

1639.

Dutch in the *Downs*, which I have already given an Account of among the Affairs of *Spain*.

C H A P. XIX.

Of the Naval Transactions of the English, from the Breaking out of the first Dutch War in 1652, to the Revolution in 1688.

Civil Wars in
England.

1652.
Occasions of
the first War
with the
Dutch.

Blake fights
the Dutch
Fleet.

The Dutch
shown the
Proceedings of
Tromp.

NOT long after this broke out our unhappy Civil Wars, during which, from the time the King, upon the first open Rupture with the Parliament, failed in his Design of seizing the Fleet, we find nothing memorable at Sea, (except the Reduction of the Isles of *Scilly* to the Obedience of the Parliament by Admiral *Blake*, and of *Barbadoes*, *Nevis*, and *St. Christopher's* by Sir *George Afcough*) till the Beginning of the first War with the *Dutch* in 1652. The Occasion thereof, as we have elsewhere related, was the Neglect of the *Dutch* in punishing the Assassins of Dr. *Dorilaus*, the Parliament's Agent, and the Slight put upon their Ambassadors soon after; the not giving Satisfaction on the old Affair of *Amboina*, and other Injuries done to the *English* in their Trade in the *Indies*, and elsewhere. The *Dutch*, however, seemed willing to come to any reasonable Terms, and a Treaty was in Agitation when *Van Tromp*, their Admiral, with a Fleet of forty four Sail (said by the *Dutch* to be fitted out only for the Protection of their Trade) came, on the seventeenth of *May*, into *Dover* Road, which the *English* interpreting as a Challenge to a Battle, Admiral *Blake*, who lay in the *Downs* with about fifteen Ships of War, plied up to him; whereupon *Tromp* stood away to the Eastward, but two Hours after tacking about, he bore down to the *English* Fleet, which drew up in a Line of Battle; and the Admiral, on the Approach of *Van Tromp's* Ship with his Flag hoisted, fired three Shot, at some distance from each other, at the Flag, to make him strike. At the third Shot, *Vau Tromp* discharged a Broadside on the *English* Admiral, who answer'd it in like manner, and after the Exchange of two or three more Broadfides, Captain *Bourne* coming in to *Blake's* Assistance with eight stout Ships, it came to a general Engagement, which lasted from four in the Afternoon till Night, when they both separated; the *English* having not so much as one Ship disabled, and but very few Men killed, but the *Dutch* lost two Ships, the one sunk, and the other taken, and had about a hundred and fifty Men slain. The *Dutch* Ministers then at *London*, being very desirous the Treaty should go on, disowned this Proceeding of their Admiral's, and the States sent another Ambassador on purpose to excuse it; but the Parliament would now hear

of

of no Propositions, without being first paid and satisfied for the Charge they had been at this Summer, on account of the States Preparations: Whereupon the Ambassadors were recalled, and Resolutions taken on both sides for vigorously prosecuting the War. Very soon after this *Van Tromp* came to Sea again with a Fleet of a hundred and twenty Sail, but was not early enough to prevent Admiral *Blake's* sailing to the Northward with seventy Men of War, to disperse the *Dutch Herring Busses*, (several of which he took, with twelve Ships of War which attended them) and to look out for five *East-India* Ships of that Nation, then expected home by the North of *Scotland*.

Blake attacks the Dutch Busses.

In the mean time Sir *George Ascough* arriving in the *Downs* from *Barbadoes* with a Squadron of fifteen Men of War, and several *Dutch Prizes* he had taken by the way, received Orders to remain there till he should be reinforced by some Ships fitting out from the River; of which *Van Tromp* receiving Intelligence, came with the main Body of the Fleet, and lay between the North Foreland and the North-Sand Head, in order both to prevent Sir *George's* Retreat that way, and intercept the Ships coming from the River to his Assistance, and detached a strong Squadron to continue off the South Foreland and hinder his escaping that way. But upon Notice of this Posture of the Enemy's, the Ships in the River were countermanded, and *Tromp*, tired with expecting them, resolved to attack Sir *George Ascough* in the *Downs*, but he found so good Preparation made for his Reception by the Militia's being drawn down to the Coasts, and a Platform suddenly raised between *Deal* and *Sandown* Castles, that he thought fit to abandon that Design, and returned to *Holland*.

Their *Baltick Trade* being now ready to fail, *Tromp* was ordered to see them in Safety towards the *Sound*, which having done, he sailed in search of *Blake*, concerning whom he received Advice that having dispersed the *Herring Busses*, and taken their Convoy, he was gone to the *Orkney Islands*. Steering his Course thither, he luckily fell in with the five *East-India* Ships, but off those Islands met with so furious a Storm as forced him to get out to Sea, and dispersed his Fleet so, as that he returned to *Holland* with two of the *East-India* Men and half his own Ships missing; which at length came all in, except six Frigates, which fell into the Hands of Admiral *Blake*, who soon after arrived in *Yarmouth Roads*.

Tromp proceeds Northward in search of Blake.

The Dutch Fleet dispersed by a Storm.

In the mean while Sir *George Ascough* cruising off of *Plimouth* with about forty Sail, for the Protection of our homeward bound Trades, was met by the *Dutch Admiral De Ruyter*, with about fifty Men of War, with which he was convoying a Fleet of Merchant Ships bound outward. Both Admirals immediately prepared to engage, and Sir *George*, with nine of his head-moſt Ships, charging through the *Dutch Fleet*, got the Weather-gage, and vigorously attacking them again, continued warmly so to do for some Hours; but the rest of his Ships not duly seconding him, and the Night coming on, he thought fit to retire to *Plimouth*, and the *Dutch* having also enough of it, made the best of their way up the Channel,

Ascough and De Ruyter engage off of Plimouth.

nel, having had two Captains killed in the Engagement, with a considerable Number of Men; and the Loss on our side was pretty equal with theirs.

The English
and Dutch
Fleets engage
near the North
Foreland.

Shortly after this, *Witte Wittens* and *De Ruyter* being appointed joint Admirals for the *Dutch*, in the room of *Van Tromp*, who, on account of some Reflections on his Conduct in the late Expedition, had desired to remain ashore, they put to Sea in *October* with a numerous Fleet, and repaired off of the North Foreland. Thereupon Admiral *Blake*, being just arrived in the *Downs* from the Westward with his Fleet, made the best of his way out to engage them. He had with him Vice-Admiral *Penne*, and Rear-Admiral *Bourne*, which latter began the Engagement, and was immediately supported by the whole Fleet, who fought the Enemy with great Courage and Resolution for several Hours, and were received by them with equal Bravery, till at length the *Dutch* Rear-Admiral being boarded and taken, two of their Ships sunk, and another blown up, the *Dutch* Admirals sheered off with the rest of their Fleet very much shattered to the Coasts of *Zealand*, within twelve Leagues of which they were pursued by the victorious *English*.

Badily at-
tack'd by the
Dutch in the
Mediterra-
nean.

Whilst the War was prosecuted in this manner at home, Captain *Badily*, who commanded four or five *English* Frigates in the Mediterranean, was attacked by sixteen Men of War under the Command of *Van Galen*, the *Dutch* Admiral in that Sea, with whom he bravely engaged, but was forced to give way to so unequal an Enemy, and having lost the *Phoenix*, one of his Ships, retired with the rest under the Protection of the Duke of *Tuscany's* Castle of *Porto Longone*: But *Van Galen* lost his Life in the Engagement, and the *Phoenix* was shortly after retaken.

Blake fights
the Dutch
Fleet near the
Goodwin
Sands.

Van Tromp being soon restored to the Office of Admiral, and resolving on some great Enterprize to wipe off the late Reflections cast on him, he in a short time got together a Fleet of eighty Ships of War, with ten Fireships, with which he repaired off of the *Goodwin* Sands, near the Place where the late Battel was fought. *Blake* being then in the *Downs* with forty Sail, resolved, tho' so much inferior, to give him Battel, and got under sail accordingly, sending out seven Ships ahead to discover the Enemy; which being met on the twenty ninth of *November* by nine of theirs on the like Service, they began the Engagement, and were soon supported by their respective Admirals, with the rest of their Fleets, who fought with great Fury from two in the Morning till six at Night, when the superior Numbers of the *Dutch* prevailed, and *Blake* retired to the *Downs*, with the Loss of the *Bonadventure* and *Garland* taken by the Enemy, of another Ship which was burnt, and three sunk; and had not the Night favoured his Retreat, the whole Fleet had gone near to have been destroyed. As for the *Dutch*, they purchased the Victory at a dear rate, having lost a great Number of Men, and had one of their Flag-Ships blown up, and the other two much damaged. *Van Tromp* proceeding thence to the Isle of *Rbe* for the *Dutch* homeward-bound Trade, which were to rendezvous at that Island, is said to have passed down the Chanel with a Broom at his

his Main-top-mast Head, as it were to sweep the Seas of the *English*.

In the mean time the Parliament were very industrious to repair the late Dishonour, and with great Expedition fitted out a numerous Fleet to intercept the *Dutch* in their Return, which was put under the joint Command of *Blake*, *Monk*, and *Deane*. Upon Advice of these Preparations, the States sent an Express to *Tromp*, at the Isle of *Rhe*, to return with all speed, and prevent the *English* from coming out by blocking up the River; but *Tromp*, to his great Amazement, when he was got the Height of *Portland*, fell in with the *English* Fleet, consisting of eighty Sail, he having with him seventy six Men of War, with three hundred Merchant Ships under his Convoy. The eighteenth of *February*, about eight in the Morning, the *Triumph*, wherein were the Admirals *Blake* and *Deane*, with twelve Ships more, for the rest could not yet come up, engaged board and board with the Gros of the *Dutch* Fleet, and the *Triumph* having received many Shot in her Hull, began to be hard pressed by the Enemy, when she was bravely relieved by Captain *Lawson* in the *Fairfax*. Those two being inclosed by a Number of the Enemy's largest Ships, suffered much from them, and had each about a hundred Men killed and wounded: *Blake* himself received a Hurt in his Thigh, and his Captain and Secretary were both slain by his side. The *Prosperous*, of forty four Guns, was boarded by the *Dutch*, but presently recovered again. The Captain of the *Vanguard* was killed, and several of the Ships much disabled, but not one taken. As for the Enemy, they had six Men of War either sunk or taken, one of which carried a Flag, and great Destruction was made among the Officers and Seamen on board *Tromp's* own Ship; who having been thus roughly handled, made the best of his way up the Chancel. The *English* Admirals having sent into *Portsmouth* the Ships which had suffered most in the Fight, followed the Enemy, and coming up with them off of *Dungeness*, began another Engagement. *Tromp* putting his Merchant Ships before him, bravely stood the first Charge, but then made a running Fight of it, retreating toward the *French* Coast; in which Retreat Captain *Lawson* boarded one of the *Dutch* Men of War, and brought her off, and other of our Ships took several of their Merchant-men. The next Morning the Fight was renewed, and lasted with great Fury till four in the Afternoon, when the *Dutch* retreated to the Sands before *Calais*, and from thence tided it into the *Wielings*, having lost in these three Days Actions eleven Ships of War, and thirty Merchant Ships, fifteen hundred Men killed, and a great Number of Prisoners. On our side there was but one Ship sunk, though the Number of our Slain was not much inferior to the Enemy's.

1653.
Blake and
Deane fight
the Dutch
near Port-
land.

Another Fight
near Dunge-
ness.

A third En-
sagement.

Soon after this the Parliament setting out a Fleet of a hundred Sail under the Command of the Generals *Monk* and *Deane*, assisted by Vice-Admiral *Penne* and Mr. *Lawson*, now made a Rear-Admiral, they went over to look for the Enemy on their own Coasts, who were come out on the same Errand with a hundred and four
Sail,

Monk and
Deane fight
the Dutch
near New-
port.

Sail, commanded by *Van Tromp*, *De Ruyter*, *Witte Wittens*, and *Evertz*. Off of *Newport* the two Fleets came to an Engagement, which lasted, with very little Intermision, from eleven in the Morning till Night, wherein at the first Charge General *Deane* was shot off in the middle by a Cannon Bullet. *Lawson* performed great Exploits during the whole time, and pressed so hard upon *De Ruyter*, that he had like to have carried him, had he not been seasonably relieved by *Van Tromp*; but he nevertheless sunk one of the Enemy's Ships of forty two Guns. The next Day, about Noon, the Fight was renewed with greater Fury, and continued till ten at Night, wherein six of the Enemy's best Ships were sunk, two blown up, and eleven Ships and two Hoys taken, with thirteen hundred and fifty Prisoners, six of them Captains of Note; with which Loss the *Dutch* retired among the Flats on the *Flinders Coast*, whither it was not thought safe to follow them, though *Blake* was come in, toward the Conclusion of the Battel, with eighteen fresh Ships.

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of Peace to
Cromwell.

Upon this Defeat the States made private Overtures of Peace to *Cromwell*, who had now got rid of his Parliament, and managed all Affairs himself; but at the same time they used the utmost Diligence in fitting out a strong Fleet, to recover, if possible, their lost Reputation by another Battel: And by the latter end of *July*, *Tromp* put to Sea with ninety five Ships from *Zealand*, being soon after joined by *Witte Wittens* with twenty five from the *Texel*.

Monk, Penn
and Lawson
fight the
Dutch.

At the head of this Force he was met, on the twenty ninth of *July*, by the *English* Fleet of about a hundred and six Ships, under the Command of *Monk*, *Penne*, and *Lawson*; and presently there began the most fierce and bloody Battel which had been yet fought; for *Monk* having observed that the War was very tedious and burthenfome to the Nation, and that the taking of Ships in a Fight always weakened the Fleet by sending off other Ships with them, he, to make short work of it, gave Orders that his Captains should neither give nor take Quarter: So that in few Hours the Air was filled with the Fragments of Ships blown up, and human Bodies, and the Sea dyed with the Blood of the Slain and Wounded.

At length,

after a Fight of about six Hours, *Van Tromp*, as he was bravely performing his Duty, encouraging his Men, and dispensing his Orders, was shot with a Musket Bullet into the Heart, of which he presently fell dead; and the rest of his Fleet being by this time cruelly broken and shattered, discouraged by this Loss, made the best of their way to the *Texel*. The *English* having sunk thirty three of the Enemy's Ships in this Battel, and taken about twelve hundred Prisoners, (which, notwithstanding the forbidding of Quarter, they compassionately took up as they were swimming about) did not think fit to pursue far, but retired to *Solebay*, having purchased the Victory with considerable Loss; for they had four hundred Men and eight Captains slain or drowned in the Fight, and about seven thousand wounded. The *Dutch* had suffered so extremely, that they presently sued for a Peace, and were glad to accept

cept it on *Cromwell's* own Terms, which we have mentioned in another Place.

Not long after this, the Protector resolving to break with *Spain*, fitted out a strong Squadron under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Penne*, with a considerable Body of Land Forces on board, commanded by General *Venables*, to make some profitable Attempt in the *Spanish West-Indies*. And since this Expedition was what the Protector had very much at Heart, being induced to hope, from the Encouragement given him by a Person who had long resided in those Parts, that with the Fleet and Army he should be able not only to make himself Master of the Islands, but of great part of the Continent also, with the Riches thereof; and that the Miscarriage in a Design which put the Nation to so great an Expence, and ended so much to his own Dishonour, gave him more Disquiet than any one thing of the like Nature which had happened during his usurped Government, I have thought it necessary to set down the best Account I am able to come at, from the beginning to the end of this fruitless Expedition, which was so, in all its Circumstances, untill the Land-Forces were taken on board from *Hispaniola*, and, with the Fleet, proceeded to *Jamaica*, and took that Island.

1654.
Penne and Venables sent to the West-Indies.

In the first Place, therefore, it is proper that I acquaint you what Instructions *Oliver* thought fit to give to General *Venables* for his Government in this Affair, it having not been in my Power to procure a Copy of those which General *Penne* received; nor is the want of them of any great Consequence, since their Contents could be no better than the requiring him to protect the Troops in their Passage; to add some of the Seamen to them when there should be occasion, and otherwise assist them when put on shore; to conduct them from one Place to another, and to seize or destroy any Shipping of the Enemy which he might meet with, or find at those Places, the said *Penne*, as well as *Venables*, (besides the Power given them as Generals at Sea and Land) being joined in Commission with other Persons, without whose Advice, and Concurrence, or that of some of them at least, they were not to undertake any thing of Moment, in the whole Courie of an Expedition from which so much Advantage was expected by *Oliver* and his Council.

Instructions to General Robert Venables. Given by his Highness, by Advice of his Council, upon the Expedition to the West-Indies.

WHEREAS we have, by our Commission, constituted and appointed you Commander in Chief of the Land-Army and Troops raised, and to be raised, as well in *England*, as in the Parts of *America*, for the Ends and Purposes in the said Commission; you shall therefore,

I. Immediately upon the Receipt of these Instructions repair with the Forces aforesaid unto *Portsmouth*, where we have appointed the

Fleet designed for the aforesaid Service, under the Command of General *William Penne*, to take you, with the said Army and Land-Forces, on board, and to transport you unto the Parts aforesaid.

II. Whereas some additional Forces, as the Service shall require, are to be raised in the Island of *Barbadoes*, and other the *English* Islands and Plantations, you shall, upon your Arrival there, and upon Consideration had with the Commissioners appointed to attend this Service, or any two of them, (wherein also, if you think fit, you may advise with some of the most experienced Men in those Parts) concerning the present Design, and the Nature thereof, to use your best Endeavours by such Means and Measures as you, with the Advice of the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall judge most convenient and expeditious, to levy and raise such Numbers of Soldiers as shall be found necessary for the better carrying on of this Design, the said Soldiers to be either taken with you upon your first Attempt, or to follow you, as shall be, by the Advice aforesaid, agreed and directed. And we have thought fit to leave unto your Discretion, by the Advice aforesaid, what Numbers of Men shall be raised, as also the manner and means of doing thereof, because you may not, at that distance, be tied up by any Instruction which may not suit with, and be agreeable to such Accidents as may happen and fall out upon the Place, but may be at liberty to proceed upon the Design either without any Addition of Forces in the Islands and Plantations aforesaid, or with a less or greater Addition, as you shall find the Nature of the Service to require. And you have also Power and Authority, from time to time, by your Warrant, to cause such farther Supplies of Men to be levied in any of the said Islands for the aforesaid Service as you, with the Advice aforesaid, shall find necessary.

III. The Design in general is to gain an Interest in that part of the *West-Indies* in the Possession of the *Spaniard*, for the effecting whereof we shall not tie you up to a Method by any particular Instructions, but only communicate what hath been under our Consideration. Two or three ways have been thought of to that purpose.

1. The first is to land on some of the Islands, and particularly *Hispaniola*, and *St. John's* Island, one or both; but the first, if that hath no considerable Place in the South part thereof but the City of *St. Domingo*, and that not being considerably fortified, may probably be possessed without much difficulty, which being done and fortified, that whole Island will be brought under Obedience. The chief Place of *St. John's* Island is *Porto Rico*, and the gaining of these Islands, or either of them, will, as we conceive, amongst many others, have these Advantages.

(1.) Many *English* will come thither from other Parts, and so those Places become Magazines of Men and Provisions for carrying on the Design upon the main Land.

(2.) They will be sure Retreats upon all occasions.

(3.) They lie much to Windward of the rest of the King of *Spain's* Dominions, and being in the Hands of the *Spaniards*, will enable

enable him to supply any part which is distressed on the Main, and being in our Hands, will be of the same use to us.

(4.) From thence you may possibly, after your landing there, send Force for the taking of the *Havana*, on the Island of *Cuba*, which is the Back-door of the *West-Indies*, and will obstruct the passing of the *Spaniards* Plate Fleet into *Europe*; and the taking of the *Havana* is to be considerable, that we have had Thoughts of beginning the first Attempt upon that Fort, and the Island of *Cuba*, and do still judge it worthy of Consideration.

2. Another way we have had Consideration of, is, for the present, to leave the Islands, and to make the first Attempt upon the main Land, in one or more Places between the River *Oronoque* and *Porto Bello*, aiming therein chiefly at *Carthagena*, which we would make the Seat of the intended Design, securing some Places by the way thereto, that the *Spaniard* might not be to the Windward of us upon the main Land, wherein, if you have Success, you will probably,

(1.) Be Masters of all the *Spanish* Treasure which comes from *Peru* by the way of *Panama* in the *South Sea*, to *Porto Bello* or *Nombre de Dios* in the *North Sea*.

(2.) You will have Houses ready built, a Country ready planted, and most of the People *Indians*, who will submit to you, there being but few *Spaniards* there, as is informed.

(3.) You will be able to put the Country round about under Contribution for the Maintenance of the Army, and therewith by the Spoil, and otherwise, probably, make a great present Return of Profit to the Commonwealth.

3. There is a Third Consideration, and that is mixed, relating both to the Islands, and also to the main Land, which is, to make the first Attempt upon *St. Domingo*, or *Porto Rico*, one or both, and having secured them, to go immediately to *Carthagena*, leaving that which is to the Windward of it to a farther Opportunity, after you have secured and settled that City, with what does relate thereto, if God doth please to give that Place into your Hands.

These are the Things which have been in Debate here, and having let you know them, we leave it to you, and the Commissioners appointed, to be weighed upon the Place, that after due Consideration had among your selves, and such others as you shall think fit to advise with who have a particular Knowledge of those Parts, you may take such Resolutions concerning the making the Attempts, in the managing and carrying on the whole Design, as to you, and the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall seem most effectual, either by the ways aforesaid, or such others as shall be judged more reasonable. And for the better enabling you to execute such Resolutions as shall be taken in the Premises, you are hereby authorized and required to use your best Endeavours, wherein General *Penne*, Commander in Chief of the Fleet, is by us required to join with, and assist you with the Fleet and Sea-Forces, as often as there shall be occasion, to land your Men upon any of the Territories, Dominions, and Places belonging unto, or in the Possession of the *Spaniards*

niards in *America*, and to surprize their Forts, take, or beat down their Castles, and Places of Strength, and to pursue, kill, and destroy, by all means whatsoever, all those who shall oppose or resist you therein, and also to seize upon all Ships and Vessels which you find in any of their Harbours, and also upon all such Goods as you shall find upon the Land.

IV. Such Resolutions as shall be taken by you and the other Commissioners, concerning the way and manner of making your first Attempt, and what you do design thereupon, you shall certify unto us by Express, and as many other ways as you can, to the end we may know whither to send unto you upon all Occasions which may fall out.

V. In case it shall please God to give you Success, such Places as you shall take, and shall judge fit to keep, you shall keep for the use of us, and this Commonwealth, and shall also cause such Goods and Prizes as may be taken to be delivered into the Hands of the said Commissioners, that so they may be brought to a just and true Account for the publick Advantage.

VI. You have hereby Power, with the Advice of the said Commissioners, or any two of them, to place Garrisons in any such Places as shall be taken in, and to appoint fit Governors thereof, and to give them Commissions under your Hand and Seal accordingly, and to slight the said Garrisons, and remove the said Governors, as you, by Advice aforesaid, shall think necessary, and for our Service.

VII. You have hereby Power and Authority, by the Advice aforesaid, to give reasonable Conditions to such Persons as will submit to our Government, and willingly come under our Obedience, and also to treat and conclude for the surrendering of any Fort, Castle, or Place into our Hands, having in all your Transactions care of preserving the Interest of this Commonwealth. And you are to use your best Endeavours, as far as it is practicable, that no dangerous Persons be suffered to abide long in any Place possessed by you, unless they be in Custody; and such as shall be taken as Prisoners, you shall use your best Endeavours, either by sending them into *Europe*, or otherwise, as you shall find most expedient, that they may not be again serviceable to the Enemy in those Parts.

VIII. You shall have Power, by the Advice aforesaid, to raise such Forces as shall be judged necessary, in any of the Parts which you shall gain the Possession of, as aforesaid, and to appoint Commanders and Officers over them, and to arm, lead, conduct, and dispose of them for the Purposes aforesaid.

IX. You shall give unto us as frequent Accounts as may be of all your Proceedings, that so you may receive our farther Directions thereupon, as shall be necessary.

X. Whereas all Particulars cannot be foreseen, nor positive Instructions for such Emergences so, beforehand, given, but most things must be left to your prudent and discreet Management, as Occurrences may arise upon the Place, or from time to time fall out; you are therefore, upon all such Accidents relating to your Charge, to use

use your best Circumspection, and by Advice either with the said Commissioners, or your Council of War, as occasion may be, to order and dispose of the Forces under your Command, as may be most advantageous for the Publick, and for obtaining the Ends for which those Forces were raised, making it your especial Care, in discharge of that great Trust committed to you, that the Commonwealth may receive no Detriment.

When General *Venables* (who had been very serviceable to the Protector in the Reduction of *Ireland*) was first pitched upon to command the Troops designed on the aforementioned Expedition, he made it his Request that he might be furnished with Arms, Ammunition, and all things necessary for a Design of this Nature, for that otherwise very great Disappointments might happen, should he not carry them with him from hence, since they could not possibly be found abroad. He also made it his Request that he might not be cramp'd by Commissions, or Instructions to other Persons, for he then knew that *Oliver* intended to send Commissioners, with large Power to inspect into, advise, and controul the Actions of those who were to be principally employed in this Expedition; but how little regard was had to what he thus desired, will appear in the ensuing Relation, as also how he was contradicted and slighted by those in chief Authority.

Demandis of Arms, Ammunition, &c. made by Venables.

The Squadron, commanded by General *Penne*, being ordered to rendezvous at *Portsmouth*, where the Land-Forces were to embark, Complaints were made to *Venables* of Disorders and Discontents among the People, and more particularly about the Badness of the Provisions, which, by his means, being made known to General *Desborow*, he, by very harsh Expressions, signified his Discontent thereat, and particularly charged *Venables* with design of frustrating the intended Expedition, by being the Author of Reports which were false, while he, on the other hand, endeavoured to justify himself, and to shew that he intended no otherwise than for the publick Good: And there was a shrewd Suspicion that *Desborow's* Dissatisfaction herein arose from his being concerned with those who had the Management of victualling the Navy.

Complaints made of the Provisions.

After *Venables* had attended near four Months, without any positive Assurance whether the Government was determined to go on with the Design or not, although it was publickly discourted of, and the *Spaniards* had thereby not only the Knowledge thereof, but Opportunities of providing for their Defence, he was some time after sent to, and directed to hold himself in a Readiness to proceed; and though he then requested that the Draughts which were to be made out of the Regiments might be Men in all respects fitting for the intended Service, yet the Colonels were permitted to pick and cull them as they pleased, insomuch that most of them were raw, and altogether undisciplined, and amongst them many *Irish* Papists, nor had the half of them Arms in any degree serviceable. And so far were the Council from permitting him to stay till better could be furnished in their room, that they sent him positive

Venables at length hasten'd to his Charge.

Neither Arms or Men fit for the Service.

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tive Orders to leave the Town next Day upon Pain of Imprisonment.

The Troops shipped off before the General could view them.

Before he came to *Portsmouth* many of the Troops were embarked, and the rest shipping off with utmost haste, so that he had no Opportunity of viewing, much less of exercising them on shore, and thereby informing himself of their Condition, with Respect to their Abilities, or otherwise. And although he was promised that the Storeship with Arms and other Necessaries should join him at *Spit-head*, he was at last told that no Delay must be made in staying for her, but that he might expect her coming to him at *Barbadoes*.

Greatest Part of the Provisions left behind.

He was likewise assured that he should carry out with him ten Months Provisions for ten thousand Men, but the most Part thereof was sent back to *London*, to be shipped off there, under Pretence that there was not sufficient Room for the same in the Ships at *Portsmouth*, although the Officers of the Fleet found Passage in them for no inconsiderable Quantities of Goods, which they designed to traffick with when they arrived at the aforesaid Island.

The Squadron arrives at Barbadoes. 1654.

The Forces being embarked, and the Wind presenting fair, the Squadron sailed, and arrived at *Barbadoes* the twenty ninth Day of *January* 1654, soon after which General *Venables* wrote to the Protector, the Lord President of the Council, *Lawrence*, the Lord *Lambert*, and several others, letting them know in what a miserable Condition the Army was, and how destitute they were not only of Provisions, but of Arms and other Necessaries proper for carrying on the intended Design, insomuch that they were constrained to make the hardest Shifts to supply themselves with the small Quantities, either of one or the other, that could be had in those Parts.

The bad Condition of the Army.

The first thing which was done after the Fleet's Arrival at *Barbadoes* was the seizing such *Dutch* Ships and Vessels as were found there, and General *Penne* appointed a Nephew of his to take an Account of their Cargoes, and all Things belonging to them, without admitting any Checque on him, as General *Venables* desired and insisted on, that so no Embezzlements might be made.

Some Dutch Vessels seized at Barbadoes.

A Council of War of Land Officers.

The eighteenth of *March Venables* thought it necessary to hold a Council of War of the Land Officers, to consider of the State of the Army, and it was resolved to make these Propositions to *Penne*, among several others, *viz.*

1. That as the Officers of the Army had resolved not to desert the Fleet, he with his Officers would reciprocally resolve not to leave the Army, at least not till such time as their expected Supplies arrived from *England*.

2. That it should be proposed to the Commissioners that a fitting Quantity of Shipping might be taken up for transporting the Forces.

3. That they might not proceed on Service with less than twenty Tuns of Ball, and that they might likewise be furnished from the Fleet with two hundred Fire Arms, six hundred Pikes, besides Pistols, Carabines, and two hundred Half Pikes.

To this *Venables* received no satisfactory Answer from *Penne*, and the Stores not arriving from *England*, he again desired to know from

from him what Arms, Shot, Match, and other Necessaries he could furnish from the Fleet, General *Desborow* having assured him, when in *England*, that the Commissioners had Power to dispose of what might be on board the Ships to the necessary Use of the Army; but to this *Penne* returned him an Answer, that fifteen Shot a Man, and a few Tuns of Match, was all he could spare; besides which he, at length, prevailed with him to add therunto a few half and quarter Pikes, which gave occasion to one of the Commissioners to let fall some Words, as if he doubted they were betrayed.

But small Supplies of Arms, &c. from the Fleet.

Besides all these Disappointments, and the Badness of the Provisions sent from *England*, yet even of that the Soldiers were put to short Allowance, while the Seamen were at whole, which occasioned no little Discontent, and rendered them very sickly and weak. And as the Commissioners were empowered and required to dispose of all Prizes and Booty taken, towards defraying the Charge of the Expedition, and only a Fortnight's Pay was offered to the Officers and Soldiers, in lieu of whatever Booty should be taken at *St. Domingo* (whither they were first designed from *Barbadoes*) it very much increased the Dissatisfaction of the Army, for most of the Officers, when they set forward on the Expedition, were in Hopes of bettering their Fortunes vry considerably.

The Soldiers at short Allowance of Provisions.

The Soldiers restrained from Booty.

At length General *Venables* prevailed with the Officers and Men to accept of six Week's Pay instead of their Plunder, and thereupon himself and *Penne* issued out Orders restraining all Persons from pillaging without Licence, or from concealing the same on Pain of Death, and Forfeiture of their Pay; but although the Officers were willing to submit to this, yet the Commissioners refused to sign to it, inasmuch that the Soldiers publicly declared they would return to *England*, and never more strike Stroke where there were Commissioners who should have Power to controul the Army.

The Fleet being now in a Readiness to sail, General *Venables*, with some of the Commissioners, and the Officers of the Army, proposed that they might proceed directly into the Harbour of *St. Domingo* but (for what Reasons it doth not appear, unless it was for Want of experienced Pilots) that was refused, and a Resolution taken to land the Troops at the River *Hine*, that so they might endeavour to force the Fort and Trench.

Venables proposes to go into the Harbour of St. Domingo.

It was also resolved among the Land Officers.

1. That the Regiments should cast Lots which of them should go on shore first.
2. That two or three Regiments should be landed at once.
3. That the Seconds to each Regiment should be appointed.
4. That the Ships wherein the Regiments were should keep near each other for their more regular Landing.

Determination: how to land the Troops.

And it was farther determined that if the Surge of the Sea ran high, and that the Enemy were prepared to defend the Fort and Trench, the Army should be landed behind the second Point to Lecward, and that, when on shore, one Regiment should be ordered to march Eastward of the City, provided General *Penne* would engage to furnish the Army with all Necessaries.

Lots

Lots having been cast as aforeſaid, it fell to Colonel *Buller's* Regiment to land firſt; and there was one *Cox*, who had lived in thoſe Parts many Years, was to have been their Guide, but he had been ſent on ſome Errand by *Penne*, ſo that he was at this time abſent; and Vice-Admiral *Goodſon* declaring that he neither had Orders to go into *Hine* River, nor Pilots to conduct the Ships therein, the Army were conſtrained to land at the Weſt Point (which *Venables* proteſted againſt) and by that means were expoſed to a tedious March of forty Miles through a thick woody Country, without any Guide, inſomuch that both Horſe and Men, by the Fatigue, and Extremity of Heat, fell down with Thirſt, and were miſerably afflicted with the Flux by their eating Oranges, and other green Fruit, having no Water to moiſten their Mouths with.

*The Troops
made expoſed
for Want of
Proviſions,
&c.*

After four Days March the Army came to the Place where they might have been firſt put on ſhore, but by that time the Enemy had ſummoned in the whole Country to their Aſſiſtance, and even now many of the Soldiers had no more than one Day's bare Proviſions of the three that had been promiſed them from the Ships.

Colonel *Buller* being ſent with his Regiment to a particular Station near *Hine* River, and ordered not to ſtir from thence until the reſt of the Army joined him, he was ſo far from complying with thoſe Commands from the General, that he marched away under the Guidance of *Cox*, who was now arrived from the Fleet, inſomuch that for Want of the ſaid Guide, the General miſtaking the Way marched ten or twelve Miles about, and *Buller* having ſuffered his Men to ſtraggler, they fell into, and ſuffered much by Ambuſcades laid by the Enemy.

*Col. Buller
leaves the Sta-
tion aſſigned
him.*

The Hardſhips the Forces had undergone for Want of Proviſions, and their being deny'd what Plunder they might happen to take at *St. Domingo*, ſo exasperated them, that the Seamen firſt, who had been ſet on ſhore, and ſoon after thoſe of the Land, were in a general Mutiny. However, in this Condition, they forded the River *Hine*, with a Reſolution to march to the Harbour, that ſo they might be furniſhed with Proviſions and Ammunition from the Ships, but they were altogether Strangers to the Way, neither had they any Water to drink.

A Mutiny.

At length Colonel *Buller*, and *Cox* the Guide joined them, and promiſed to conduct them to a Place where they might be ſupplied with Water; but ſome of the ſaid Colonel's Men having rambled about for Pillage, encouraged the Enemy to lay Ambuſcades for them in their March, who falling upon the Forlorn routed them, and killed ſeveral Officers, but they were ſoon after beaten back with Loſs, and purſued within Cannon ſhot of the Town, not but that when the Action was over, many Men, as well as Horſes, perished with Thirſt.

*100 Spaniards
attack our
Troops.*

A Council of War being called to conſider the Condition of the Army, it was found that many of the Men had eat nothing for four Days together, unleſs it were ſome Fruits they gathered in the Woods, and that they were without Water, the *Spaniards* having ſtopt up all their Wells within ſeveral Mues of the Town, neither knew they

the Country, or how to get to their Ships, for *Cox* their Guide was slain in the late Skirmish. However, after mature Consideration, it was resolv'd to march to the Harbour in the best manner they could, and at length arriving there, they stay'd three or four Days to furnish themselves with Provisions and other Necessaries, and then advanced with a Mortar Piece, in order to reduce the Fort; but the Enemy having laid an Ambuscade, they charged the Van, which was to have been led by Adjutant General *Jackson*, very vigorously, and were answer'd in like Manner, whereas *Jackson's* Parry running away, and the Passage through the Woods being very narrow, they fell upon the General's own Regiment, who, to no purpose, endeavour'd to stop them with their Pikes, for they first disorder'd that Regiment, and soon after Major General *Haynes's*; mean while the Enemy followed very cagerly, and giving no Quarter, the said Major General, and the best of the Officers, who preferred Death before Flight, fell in the Action.

The Army marches to the Ships for Provisions, &c. and are attack'd by the Spaniards.

At length the General's own Regiment making Head against them, as also that of the Scamen, commanded by Vice-Admiral *Goodson*, they with their Swords forc'd the Runaways into the Woods, rather chusing to kill them than they should disorder the rest, which the Enemy perceiving, they retreated, and our Men kept their Ground, though the Shot from the Fort kill'd many of them.

The Spaniards retreat.

The Troops nevertheless were so very weak and dishearten'd, that not any of them could be brought to play the Mortar against the Fort; and though the General was reduc'd to a very low Condition, by Reason of the Flux, he caus'd himself to be led from Place to Place to encourage them, but fainting at last, was forc'd to leave the Care to Major General *Fortescue*, who soon found that he could prevail no more than the General himself.

The English Troops dishearten'd.

It was resolv'd soon after at a Council of War, that since the Enemy had guarded every Pass, and that the Army were under very great Necessities for Want of Water, they should march to a Place where they had been inform'd a Supply thereof; and of other Necessaries, had been put on shore for them from the Ships; but in that March the Soldiers accompanied their Officers no farther than till they found them in Danger, and then left them; insomuch that the Commissioners own'd, by a Letter they wrote to the Governor of *Barbadoes*, that had not the Enemy been as fearful as our own Men were, they might in a few Days have destroy'd the whole Army; and withall they let him know that those who had occasion'd the greatest Disorder were those of *Barbadoes* and *St. Christopher's*, insomuch that they the said Commissioners, who were *Penne*, *Winshaw* and *Butler*, had resolv'd to leave the Place, and try what could be done against the Island of *Jamaica*.

The Soldiers desert their Officers when in Danger.

The Army was accordingly in little time embark'd, but the sick and wounded Men were kept on the bare Decks for forty eight Hours, without either Meat, Drink, or Dressing, insomuch that Worms bred in their Sores; and even while they were on shore the Provisions sent to them were not watered, but candied with Salt, notwithstanding they had not Water sufficient to quench their Thirst;

Resolv'd to proceed to Jamaica.

The Army under great Hardships.

Nay after their Misfortunes on shore, *Venables* averred that *Penne* gave Rear-Admiral *Blagge* Orders not to furnish them with any more Provision of what kind soever, so that they eat up all the Dogs, Horses and Asses in the Camp, and some of them such things as were in themselves poisonous, of which about forty died; and before the Forces were embarked, Adjutant-General *Jackson* was try'd at a Court Martial, and not only sentenced to be cashier'd, and his Sword broken over his Head, but to do the Duty of a Swabber, in keeping clean the Hospital-Ship; a Punishment suitable to his notorious Cowardise.

Adjutant General Jackson cashier'd.

The Fleet and Army arrive at Jamaica.

The Fleet and Troops arriving at *Jamaica*, Orders were issued by General *Venables* that where it should be found any Man attempted to run away, the next Man to him should put him to Death, or that if he failed so to do, he should be liable to be try'd for his Life; and now all the Troops being ready for Service, they advanced towards the Fort, which they made themselves Masters of with little Loss; and next Morning, when the Sun arose, they began to march to the *Savana*, which was near the Town, when some *Spaniards* came towards them, and desired to treat, but the General refused so to do, unless they would send them a constant Supply of Provisions, then much wanted, which they punctually did according to the Promise they had made. Soon after this the following Articles were agreed on, *viz.*

The Fort taken.

Articles upon the Surrender of Jamaica.

1. That all Forts, Arms, Ammunition, and Necessaries for War, and all Kinds of Shipping in any Harbour in the Island, with their Furniture, &c. as also all Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, &c. should be delivered up to General *Venables*, or whom he should appoint for the Use of the Protector, and the Commonwealth of *England*.

2. That all and every of the Inhabitants of the Island (except some that were particularly named) should have their Lives granted, and as those who inclined to stay had leave so to do, so was it agreed to transport the others to *New Spain*, or some of the Dominions belonging to the King of *Spain* in *America*, together with their Apparel, Books, and Papers, they providing themselves with Victuals and Necessaries.

3. That all Commission Officers, and none others should be permitted to wear their Rapiers and Poniards.

4. All Artificers, and meaner Sort of People were permitted to remain on the Island, and to enjoy their Goods, provided they conformed themselves to the Laws which should be established.

Thus was the Island of *Jamaica* reduced, which the Crown of *England* hath ever since been possessed of; but General *Venables* being at length so much weakened by the Flux as that the Physicians despaired of his Life, and the Officers of the Army having unanimously pitched upon him, in case he recovered, as the only fitting Person to repair to *England*, and acquaint the Protector with their miserable Condition, being in great Want of all things, as well for Support of Life, as otherwise, he desired General *Penne*, and Colonel *Butler*, one of the Commissioners, to come to him, in order to the opening the sealed and ultimate Instructions, which two Days

Days afterwards they consented to do, when, with their Concurrence, he resigned his Command to Major-General *Fortescue*, as he had Power from the Protector by the aforesaid sealed Orders to do, in case of any Inability; and *Penne* soon after thought it convenient, either upon the Score of Sickness, or otherwise, to resign, in like manner, the Command of the Fleet to Vice-Admiral *Goodson*, so that both of them came Home, where when they arrived they were committed to the Tower; but before that Commitment they were called before *Oliver* and his Council, where both of them, especially *Venables*, were severely reprimanded for leaving the Services committed to their Charge without Authority so to do, as was then alledged. *Venables*, notwithstanding his very bad State of Health, was not permitted to abide for some time in his own Lodgings, but was very severely dealt with; for as the Protector insisted on it that he should own his Fault in leaving the Army, and throw himself on his Clemency, so he judging he had committed no Crime, but that being render'd incapable by Sickness, to continue in those Parts longer, without an inevitable Hazard of his Life, and the Protector having, in such Case, empowered the Commissioners to commit his Charge to some other fitting Person, was not willing to be his own Accuser; and though even *Penne* himself assured him that he would not, in the manner that was expected, own himself guilty of a Fault, yet (for Reasons best known to himself, and the Persuasions of others near the Protector's Person) he made his Submission before *Venables* could be prevailed with to do it, and thereupon was discharged from his Imprisonment some time before the other was; that Part of the Fleet which remained abroad, together with such of the Land Forces as were not thought necessary to remain at *Jamaica*, being brought Home by Vice-Admiral *Goodson*.

While these things were doing in the *West-Indies*, Admiral *Blake*, commanding the Protector's Fleet in the Mediterranean, repaired before *Tunis*, to demand Satisfaction of that Government for their Depredations committed on the *English*, and the Restitution of the Captives, where meeting with an insolent Reply, that he might address to their Castles of *Goletta* and *Porto Farina*, which would answer him with their Ordnance, he entered the Bay of *Porto Farina*, and coming within Musquet shot of the Castle, under the Fire of sixty great Guns that were planted there, and in a Line the Enemy had thrown up along shore, play'd so furiously upon it, that in two Hours it was made defenceless, the Guns all dismounted, and great Part of it beaten down. Then setting fire to nine of their Ships that lay in the Bay, he proceeded thence to *Tripoli* and *Algier*, and having made advantageous Treaties with those Governments, came again before *Tunis*, and found the Inhabitants now glad to submit to his Terms. Shortly after this, cruising, in conjunction with General *Mountague*, off of *Cadiz*, to intercept the Spanish Flota, Captain *Stayner*, with three Ships of the Fleet, fell in with eight Galleons, with which he dealt so effectually in two or three Hours Engagement, that one was sunk, another set on fire, two were forced ashore, and two he took, having on board in Money

Penne and Venables resign their Commands, and come home. and are committed to the Tower.

Blake burns the Ships at Tunis.

1656.

Capt. Stayner burns and takes some Spanish Gallies

and Plate, to the Value of six hundred thousand Pounds, and only two escaped into *Cadiz*.

1657.

Early the next Spring Admiral *Blake* went out with a strong Squadron on the same Design of intercepting the *Spanish West-India Fleet*, and took his Station off of *Cadiz*, where receiving Intelligence that those Ships were arrived at *Teneriffe*, he made the best of his way to that Island. The *Flota* lay in the Bay of *Santa Cruz*, drawn up in form of a Half-Moon, with a strong Barricado before them; the Bay itself defended by seven Forts disposed round the same, with two Castles at the Entrance, which were well furnished with Ordnance: In which Posture the *Spanish* Admiral thought himself so secure, that he sent out word by a *Dutch Merchant*, *Blake might come if he durst*.

The Admiral having taken a View of the Enemy's Situation, sent in Captain *Stayner* with a Squadron to attack them, who soon forcing his Passage into the Bay, was presently supported by *Blake* with the whole Fleet. Placing some of his Ships so as that they might fire their Broadfides into the Castles and Forts, himself and *Stayner* engaged the *Spanish* Fleet, and in few Hours obtaining a complete Victory, possessed himself of all the Ships; but being not able to bring them off, he set them on fire, and they were every one burnt.

Blake burns Spanish Ships at Santa Cruz.

Blake dies.

After this glorious Atchievement he returned to the Coasts of *Spain*, and having cruised there some time, was coming home with the Fleet to *England*, when he fell ill of a Scorbutick Fever, of which he died just as he was entering *Plimouth* Sound. *Cromwell's* Parliament, upon the News of his Exploit at *Santa Cruz*, had ordered him a Jewel of five hundred Pound, and now upon his Death bestowed on him a solemn and sumptuous Funeral, interring him in *Henry VII's* Chapel.

Obsequies at sea on General Blake.

It is remarkable that this great Seaman was bred a Scholar in the University of *Oxford*, where he had taken the Degree of a Master of Arts; and it is an Observation very pertinent to Sea-Affairs which the Noble Historian, who hath witten of those Times, hath left us concerning him. "He was, says he, the first Man that declined the old Track, and made it manifest that the Science might be attained in less time than was imagined; and despised those Rules which had been long in practice, to keep his Ship and his Men out of Danger; which had been held in former Times a Point of great Ability and Circumspection; as if the principal Art requisite in the Captain of a Ship had been to come home safe again. He was the first Man that brought the Ships to contend Castles on shore, which had been ever thought very formidable, and were discovered by him to make a Noise only, and to fright those who could rarely be hurt by them. He was the first that infused that Proportion of Courage into the Seamen, by making them see by Experience what mighty things they could do if they were resolved; and taught them to fight in Fire as well as upon the Water: and though he hath been very well imitated and followed, " he

“ he was the first that gave the Example of that kind of Naval
“ Courage, and bold and resolute Atchievements.

In the latter end of the Year 1658, upon occasion of the War between *Sweden* and *Denmark*, the Powers which ruled in *England* taking part with the former, sent out a strong Squadron to their Assistance under the Command of Sir *George Ascough*, but it proving a very severe Winter, he was prevented by Ice from getting farther than the *Scaw*, and returned home; and the next Year another Fleet was sent out for the same purpose under the Command of General *Mountague*; who not long after employed the same Ships in a much more honourable Service, that of bringing over from *Holland* his Sovereign King *Charles II*, who now, in the Beginning of the Year 1660, was invited by his People to come and sit on the Throne of his Ancestors.

1658.
England assists the Swedes against the Danes.

1659.
General Mountague brings over King Charles II.

In 1662, the same Officer, now created Earl of *Sandwich*, was sent at the Head of a numerous Fleet, to conduct from *Lisbon* the Queen-Consort, whom receiving on board, he landed in Safety at *Portsmouth*, having off of *Lisbon* detached Sir *John Lawson* with a strong Squadron to the *Mediterranean*. That Admiral appearing before *Algier*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoli*, induced those Governments to renew their Treaties with *England*; and, in pursuance of his Negotiation at the former of those Places, above a hundred and fifty *English*, *Scotch*, and *Irish* Slaves were redeemed from Captivity by a generous Contribution of the dignified Clergy of *England*. About the same time Possession was taken of *Tangier* in *Africa*, and the Island *Bombay* in the *East-Indies*, which were part of the Queen's Portion; the former of which Places King *Charles* made a free Port, granting it all Privileges which might make it a trading City; and indeed its Situation was very advantageous for that purpose, as well as for the Security of our Commerce, and enlarging our Command in those Seas; but these Advantages were at length found not to countervail the vast Expence of fortifying and defending it against the continual Assaults of the *Moors*; so that some Years after it was found necessary to demolish it, as we shall see in its Place.

1662.
The Earl of Sandwich brings the Queen from Portugal.

Sir John Lawson renews the Treaties with Algier, Tunis and Tripoli.

The English take Possession of Tangier and Bombay.

The *Dutch* having for some time continued to make great Encroachments on the *English* Trade in all Parts, and not only neglected to give any Satisfaction to the King's Minister at the *Hague* for the same, but committed open Hostilities upon the *English* on the Coast of *Guinea*, the Nation was impatient for a War with them; and they having suffered very much in the *Mediterranean* from the Pirates of *Algier*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoli*, had sent their Admiral *De Ruyter* with some Ships to accompany Vice-Admiral *Lawson* in his foremention'd Expedition thither; where *De Ruyter*, under the Countenance of the *English* Fleet, having obtained good Terms of those People, he, in Gratitude for that Act of Friendship, parting with Sir *John Lawson*, made the best of his way for *Guinea*; and having attacked our Ships on that Coast, under Rear-Admiral *Holmes*, and destroyed some of our Factories there, sailed away thence to *Barbadoes*, where he attempted to land; but being repul-

1664.
De Ruyter attacks our Ships at Guinea, &c.

fed with Loss, proceeded to *New-York* and *Newfoundland*, and committed great Depredations in those Parts. The King soon receiving Advice of the treacherous Action in *Guinea*, with all Expedition fitted out a Fleet under the Command of the Duke of *York*, Prince *Rupert*, and the Earl of *Sandwich*, which sailing over to the Coasts of *Holland*, struck a universal Terror amongst the *Dutch*, who, though they had also assembled a great Fleet, under the Command of *Opdam*, durst not venture out with it from *Goree*. And while their Ships were thus pent up, their *Bourdeaux* Fleet, in its way home, fell most of them into the Hands of the *English*, who in few Weeks took above a hundred and thirty of their Merchant Ships. About this time also Vice-Admiral *Allen* cruising with a Squadron off the Straights Mouth, fell in with the *Dutch Smirna* Fleet, which he attacked and routed, sinking some of the Ships, killing *Brachel* the Commander in Chief, and possessing himself of four of the richest Ships, one of which had suffered so much in the Engagement, that she foundered at Sea in her way to *England*. The Duke of *York* not being able to draw the Enemy out, returned to the *English* Coasts, which he had no sooner done, but the *Dutch* Fleet, under *Opdam*, put to Sea from *Goree*, and came over to the *Dogger-Bank*, from whence they detached a Squadron to their own Coasts to lie in wait for the *English* *Hamburg* Fleet; which, with their Convoy, supposing the Duke to have been still on the Coast, fell into the Enemy's Hands.

The English take many Dutch Merchant Ships.

Allen routs the Dutch Smirna Fleet.

The Dutch take the English Hamburg Fleet.

The Duke of *York* highly incensed at this Loss, resolved to revenge it on the Enemy, and, in order to come to an Engagement with them, weighed Anchor from *Solebay* the first of *June*, and on the third coming up with the *Dutch* Fleet, did accordingly engage them, and obtained an entire Victory, taking eighteen of their largest Ships, sinking or burning about fourteen more, blowing up their Admiral *Opdam* in his own Ship, and taking two thousand sixty three Prisoners, whereof sixteen were Captains. But the Victory was purchased dear on our side by the Loss of many brave Men, though we had but one Ship missing; there being slain in the Battel the Earl of *Portland*, the Earl of *Marlborough*, and Rear-Admiral *Sampson*; Sir *John Lawson* died of his Wounds; and the Earl of *Falmouth*, the Lord *Muskerry*, and Mr. *Boyle*, were all three taken off by one Cannon-shot, so near the Duke's Person, that he was sprinkled with their Blood and Brains.

The Duke of York beats the Dutch Fleet, and Opdam is blown up.

The victorious Fleet having been refitted with wonderful Dispatch, was, in few Weeks, gotten out again to *Solebay*, to the Number of about sixty Sail, now under the Command of the Earl of *Sandwich*, who carried the Standard, having under him in the Red Squadron Sir *George Ascough* and Sir *Thomas Tyddeman*, with their subordinate Flags. In the White Squadron were Sir *William Penne*, Sir *William Berkeley*, and Sir *Joseph Jordan*; and the Blue Flag was carried by Sir *Thomas Allen*, having Sir *Christopher Myngs* and Sir *John Harman* for his Vice and Rear-Admirals. The Earl of *Sandwich*, upon Advice that the *Dutch* were not yet ready for the Sea, set sail with his Fleet for the North Seas, where, he had Intel-

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ligence, their *Turkey Fleet*, with some of their *East-India Ships*, were got North about into *Bergen in Norway*. Appearing off of that Place, he sent in Sir *Thomas Tyddeman* with two and twenty Men of War to attack them, which he did with great Resolution, and notwithstanding the utmost Efforts of the *Dutch*, and the *Danes*, who had raised a strong Battery for their Defence, burnt some of their Ships, and did considerable Damage to the rest. This Service performed, the Fleet made sail for the Coasts of *Holland*, whence being again forced to the Northward, they met with the *Dutch East-India Men*, under a good Convoy, and several other of their Merchant Ships, and took eight Men of War, two of the best *India Ships*, and twenty of the other Merchant Men; with which, and some other Prizes, with four Men of War which they took afterwards, they returned to the *English Coasts*.

Tyddeman attacks Dutch Ships at Bergen.

The Earl of Sandwich takes Dutch East India Ships, and their Convoy.

The *French King* at this time pursuing his Interest to keep up the Divisions between the two maritime Potentates, he, in order to weaken both, and that the *Dutch* might be induced to continue the War they found themselves unequal to, became a Party with them in it, and declaring War against *England*, fitted out a Fleet under the Command of the Duke of *Beaufort*. The *Dutch*, in hopes of this Assistance, used their utmost Diligence to get early to Sea the next Spring; and on our side all Preparations were made for doing the like. The Fleet was put under the Command of Prince *Rupert* and the Duke of *Albemarle*, who arriving in the *Downs* the twenty ninth of *May*, received Advice that the *French Fleet* was come out to Sea in order to join the *Dutch*. Upon this News Prince *Rupert*, with the *White Squadron*, made the best of his way to the Isle of *Wight*, in order to intercept them as they came up the Chanel. With the same Wind which carried the Prince to *St. Helen's*, the *Dutch* put to Sea, and finding the *English Fleet* divided, resolved not to lose so favourable an Opportunity, and therefore engaged the Duke of *Albemarle* with a vast Superiority. The Duke, far from declining the Battel, encounter'd them with singular Bravery, tho' so much inferior in Strength; and although the Wind, blowing hard at South-West, made his Ships stoop so, that they could not use their lower Tire of Guns, they fought three Days successively; and in the first Day's Engagement the *Dutch* had two of their great Ships fired; in the second, they lost three Sail more; and on the last, when Prince *Rupert* came in with his Squadron, the *English* charged through the *Dutch Fleet* five several times with good Advantage, and so broke them, that they had not above five and twenty Ships remaining in a Body, which only maintained a running Fight, and retreated to their own Coasts, having lost above fifteen Ships, with one and twenty Captains, and above five thousand common Men.

The French join with the Dutch.

1666.

The Dutch attack Albemarle in the absence of Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert joins Albemarle, and the Dutch are routed.

This Engagement was on the third of *June*, and by the nineteenth of next Month the Fleet was at Sea again, under the same Commanders in Chief, accompanied by Sir *Joseph Jordan*, Sir *Robert Holmes*, Sir *Thomas Allen*, Sir *Thomas Tyddeman*, Captain *Urburt*, Sir *Jeremy Smith*, Sir *Edward Spragge*, and Captain *Kemptonborne*, who carried the Flags; and coming soon after to another

A compleat
Victory over
the Dutch.

other Engagement with the Enemy, obtained a compleat Victory, sinking or burning above twenty of their Ships, killing *Evertz*, Admiral of *Zealand*, *Tirrick Hiddes*, Admiral of *Friesland*, and Rear-Admiral *Van Saen*, with above four thousand common Seamen, and wounding near three thousand. The Enemy's Fleet retired in Confusion to the *Wielings*, over the Flats and Banks, whither our great Ships could not follow them; and our Fleet sailed triumphantly along the Coasts of *Holland* to the *Ulie*, where the Generals sending in a Squadron under Sir *Robert Holmes*, he burnt and destroyed a hundred and sixty rich *Dutch* Merchant Ships which lay there, and landing a Body of Men on the *Schelling*, also fired the Town of *Brandaris* upon that Island, and brought off a considerable Booty, which was all performed without any other Loss on our side, than of six Men killed, and as many wounded.

Dutch Ships
as the *Ulie*
destroyed by
Sir Robert
Holmes.

Prince Ru-
pert goes af-
ter the Dutch
to Boulogne.

The *Dutch*, under all these Misfortunes, put their Fleet to Sea again before a Month was at an end, which, in hopes of being joined by the *French* Fleet under the Duke *de Beaufort*, (who lay at *Rochelle* with forty Sail) passed by *Dover* the first of *September*. Prince *Rupert* with the *English* Fleet stood after them to the Road of *Boulogne*, where, to avoid fighting, they haul'd close in with the Shore, and had been there burnt, or run aground by the Prince, if a violent Storm suddenly coming on had not forced him to retire to *St. Helen's*. In the mean while the *French* Fleet put to Sea from the Westward, but three or four of their Ships, which separated from the rest, falling in with Sir *Thomas Allen's* Squadron in the *Soundings*, he took one of them, called the *Ruby*, of a thousand Tons and five hundred Men, with which Loss the Duke *de Beaufort* was (or pretended to be) so discouraged, that he immediately returned into Port, as the *Dutch* did to their own Coasts.

Beaufort
comes out, but
soon returns
to France.

A Treaty of
Peace on foot.

In the beginning of the next Year a Treaty of Peace between *England* and *Holland* was set on foot by the Mediation of *Sweden*; in confidence of the Success whereof, the King forbearing to set out a Fleet, whilst his Ministers were negotiating at *Breda*, the *Dutch*, with seventy Sail of Ships, under *De Ruyter*, appeared in the *Thames* Mouth, and sending in a Squadron, possessed themselves of the Fort at *Sheerness*, though bravely defended by Sir *Edward Spragge*. The Duke of *Albemarle*, who was Lord-General, with all Expedition hastened down thither with some Land-Forces, and, to oppose the Enemy's Progress, sunk some Vessels in the Entrance of the *Medway*, and laid a strong Chain across it: But the *Dutch*, with a high Tide, and a strong Easterly Wind, broke their way through, and burnt the three Ships which lay to defend the Chain, and going up as far as *Upnore Castle*, burnt also the *Royal Oak*, and having much damaged the *Loyal London* and the *Great James*, fell down the River again, carrying off with them the Hull of the *Royal Charles*, which the *English* had twice fired, to prevent that Dishonour, but the Enemy as often quenched again. In this Action one Captain *Dowglass*, (who was ordered to defend one of those Ships which were burnt) when the Enemy had set fire to it, receiving no Commands to retire, said, *it should never be told that*

Captain Dow-
glass his noble
Resolution.

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a Dowglafs quitted his Post without Order, and refolutely continued aboard and burnt with the Ship; falling a glorious Sacrifice to Discipline and Obedience to Command, and an Example of fo uncommon a Bravery as, had it happened among the ancient *Greeks* or *Romans*, had been transmitted down to Immortality with the illustrious Names of *Codrus*, *Cynegyris*, *Curtius*, and the *Decii*.

The *Dutch* getting out to Sea with the Loss of only two Ships, which ran aground in the *Medway*, and were burnt by themselves, proceeded next to *Portsmouth*, with a Design on the Shipping of that Harbour; but the Earl of *Macclesfield*, and Captain *Elliot*, had fo well provided for their Reception, that they thought fit to desist from any Attempt, and sailing to the Westward, entered *Torbay*, with intent to land there, but being repulsed, returned to the *Thames* Mouth; and tho' they knew the Peace was now actually concluded, came up with five and twenty Sail as far as the *Hope*, where lay all the Ships of Force we had then fitted out, which were about eighteen, under the Command of Sir *Edward Spragge*, who happening not to be on board, the Enemy did considerable Damage with their Fireships; but he immediately repairing to his Post, and being presently joined with some small Vessels under Sir *Joseph Jordan*, the *Dutch* were forced to retire with some Loss. But, having first appeared off *Harwich*, and alarmed those Parts, they returned a third time and attacked Sir *Edward Spragge* again in the same Station, who was obliged to withdraw to *Gravesend*, and leave the Enemy at Anchor in the *Hope*; from whence they soon after retreated, and sailed down the Chanel to the Western Coasts, and having alarmed the Country with several Offers of Landing, at length, when they could dissembler their Knowledge of the Peace no longer, they made sail to their own Coasts.

The Dutch do farther mischief in the Hope.

The Dutch attack Sir Edward Spragge in the Hope.

The next Summer a Squadron was fitted out, under the Command of Sir *Thomas Allen*, to repress the Insolences of the Pirates of *Algier*, who, in the Month of *September*, coming before that Place, obliged the Government there to offer a Release of all their *English* Captives, and to renew their former Treaties, with the Addition of some new Articles to our Advantage. The same Year was concluded the Triple Alliance between *England*, *Sweden*, and *Holland*, for the Defence of the *Spanish* Provinces, against the *French* King; who nevertheless, in a short time, dealt so effectually with King *Charles*, that, what with the *French* Intrigues, and the Insults the *Dutch* had used towards his Person, by burning his Effigies in *Persia*, and publishing abusive Pictures and Medals of him in *Holland*, he came to a Resolution in the Year 1671, of breaking with them, and joining with *France* in their Destruction. And to begin the War with Advantage, though with Dishonour, before any Declaration of War, Sir *Robert Holmes* was ordered to lie off the Isle of *Wight* to intercept the *Dutch Smyrna* Fleet, in their Passage homewards.

1668.

Sir Thomas Allen sent against the Algerines.

Triple Alliance between England, Sweden, and Holland.

1671.

King Charles joins with France against the Dutch.

Sir *Robert* having shot at them to make them strike their Flags and lower their Topfails, and they neglecting to do the same, he again fired upon them, when they lowered their Topfails, but still

Holmes attacks the Dutch Smyrna Ships.

refused to strike their Flags; upon which he immediately engaged them, and, after an obstinate Fight, which lasted till the Evening of that Day, and all the next, took five of their richest Merchant Men, with their Rear-Admiral, which was so disabled in the Engagement, that she sunk in a few Hours, in our Possession.

In the mean time Sir *Edward Spragge* being at the Head of a Squadron in the *Mediterranean* to repress the Piracies of the *Algerines*, who had violated their late Treaty, he repaired to *Bugia*, the most considerable of their Towns next *Algier*, where forcing the Boom which lay across the Entrance of the Harbour, he went in and burnt nine of their best Ships as they lay under the Cannon of the Castle; which Action so terrified the *Barbarians*, and put them in such Confusion and Disorder, that they struck off their Dey's Head, and set up another, whom they forced to come to Terms of Agreement with that Admiral.

Declaration of War against the Dutch.

1672.

Count d'Estrees joins the English Fleet.

In few Days after Sir *Robert Holmes's* Exploit against the *Dutch* Fleet, the King issued out his Declaration of War, and Preparations were made on both sides for vigorously carrying on the same. The Naval Force of the *French* King being to act in conjunction with ours, the Count *d'Estrees*, Vice-Admiral of *France*, arrived the third of *May* at *Portsmouth*, with a Squadron of Ships of that Nation; and our Fleet soon after repairing thither from the *Downs*, they both put to Sea, the Duke of *York* being Commander in Chief, Monsieur *d'Estrees* acting as Admiral of the *White*, and the Earl of *Sandwich* being Admiral of the *Blue*.

On the nineteenth of *May* they discover'd the *Dutch*, about eight Leagues E. S. E. of the *Gunfleet*, and prepared to engage the next Day; but thick Weather coming up, they lost sight of each other, and the *English* and *French* Fleets put into *Solebay*, where continuing till the twenty eighth, the *Dutch* appeared unexpectedly in the *Offing*, bearing up to them, and had like to have surprized them in the Bay.

The Duke of York and the French engage the Dutch.

The Enemy's Fleet was commanded by *Banckert*, who led the Van, and attacked the *White* Squadron under Monsieur *d'Estrees*; by *De Ruyter*, the Commander in Chief in the Centre, who engaged the *Red* Squadron under the Duke; and by *Van Ghent*, in the Rear, who fought with the *Blue* Squadron under the Lord *Sandwich*. The *Dutch* began the Engagement with the *White* Squadron, as hath been observed, and the *French* received them at first with great Courage and Bravery, but were soon tired, and sheered off from the Battel. In the mean time the Duke and *De Ruyter* were warmly engaged for some Hours, so that his Royal Highness was forced to change his Ship the *St. Michael*, and go on board the *Loyal London*. The Earl of *Sandwich*, in the *Royal James*, maintained a bloody Fight with the Enemy's Rear-Admiral, who was soon taken off with a Cannon-shot; but one of *De Ruyter's* Squadron coming up to that Ship's Assistance, with four Fireships, laid his Lordship on board, who after a Fight of five Hours, having bravely repulsed him with three of the Fireships, was

De Ruyter is slain.

at length fired by the fourth, and perished in the Ship with several gallant Men.

The Earl of Sandwich his Ship burnt.

The Battel lasted with great Fury till nine at Night, when Sir *Joseph Jordan* getting the Wind of the *Dutch*, they stood away to the Eastward, and afforded the Duke the Honour of pursuing them. However they laid claim to the Victory, as well as the *English*, and indeed the Loss of Men was near an Equality, but of Ships the most were missing on our side, there being two burnt, three sunk, and one taken of the *English*; of the *French* one was burnt and another sunk; and among the Slain were many brave Men of Quality, as the noble Earl of *Sandwich*, Captain *Digby* of the *Henry*, Sir *Fretcheville Holles* of the *Cambridge*, Sir *John Fox* of the *Prince*, Monsieur *de la Rabeniere* the *French* Rear-Admiral, the Lord *Maidston*, Mr. *Mountague*, Mr. *Nicholas*, and Mr. *Vaughan*, the two last of the Bed-chamber to the Duke, and many other Persons of Consideration. The Body of the Earl of *Sandwich* was taken up floating at Sea, and afterwards interred with great Solemnity, at the King's Charge, in *Westminster Abby*.

The rest of this Campaign passed without any thing remarkable; but great Preparations were made for setting out a strong Fleet, against the next. And in the beginning of *May* the Fleet put to Sea, under the Conduct of Prince *Rupert*, who being joined off of *Rye* by the *French* Fleet under the Count *d'Estrées*, sailed in quest of the Enemy to the Coasts of *Holland*. *De Ruyter*, who had been first at Sea, having failed in a Design of intercepting our *Canary*, *Bourdeaux*, and *Newcastle* Fleets, in their Passage into the River, was returned to the *Schonevelt*, where the Confederate Fleet fell in with him, and soon began a sharp Engagement. The *French* Admiral carried the White Flag, as he had done before; but now, to prevent his deserting us, as he had done in the late Fight, his Ships were intermixed with the *English*. Their united Force consisted of about a hundred and ten Ships, and the Enemy were near a hundred.

1673.
The French join Prince Rupert off of Rye.

The English and French fight the Dutch near Schonevelt.

The Fight was began between Sir *Edward Spragge*, Admiral of the Blue, and the *Dutch* Vice-Admiral *Van Tromp*, and continued with great Fury till it was dark; when, after a considerable Loss on both sides, the two Fleets separated. This Battel was fought the twenty eighth of *May*, and on the fourth of next Month they came to another Engagement near the same Place, which was also began again by *Spragge* and *Tromp*, and lasted with equal Fury till Night parted them, when both sides challenged the Victory, which, by their gallant Behaviour, they both deserved; the *Dutch* got within their Banks, and the *English* Fleet returned to their own Coasts.

Another Battel near Schonevelt.

By the middle of *July* Prince *Rupert* got out to Sea again, and fought another Battel with the Enemy off of the *Texel*, wherein *Banckers*, with the *Zealand* Squadron, meeting with very little Resistance from the Count *d'Estrées*, join'd with *De Ruyter* in attacking the Red Squadron, and distressed Prince *Rupert* very much; while Sir *Edward Spragge* in the Blue Squadron was hotly engaged with Admiral *Tromp*, whom he forced once out of his Ship, and

Prince Rupert fights the Dutch off of the Texel.

Sir Edward
Spragge
drowned.

was compelled by *Tromp* to change his twice; but as he was going into a third; his Barge was sunk with a Cannon-shot, and he was unfortunately drowned; who, with Sir *William Reeves*, and Captain *Heyman*, were the only Persons of Note which were lost on our side. The *Dutch* had two Flag-Officers killed, and two of their largest Ships sunk, with four or five Fireships destroyed; whereas on our part the only Loss was that of the *Henrietta* Yacht, which was sunk by the side of the Lord *Offory*, Rear-Admiral of the Blue. It is very remarkable that, notwithstanding all the Precautions Prince *Rupert* could use, the *French* could not be brought to take any great share either in this or the two former Engagements, Monsieur *d'Estrees*, by one means or other, eluding his Orders, and keeping aloof from the Fury of the Battel.

The French
had but little
share in the
Engagements.

Sir Tobias
Bridges takes
Tabago.
St. Eustace taken
from the
Dutch.

In the mean time Sir *Tobias Bridges* sailing with a Squadron of six Ships from *Barbadoes* to *Tabago*, a neighbouring Plantation belonging to the *Dutch*, possessed himself of that Island, with a Booty of about four hundred Prisoners, and as many Negroes; and soon after was also taken from them St. *Eustace*, another of the *Caribbee* Islands, in their Possession. About which time four of their *East-India* Ships having reduced the Island of St. *Helena*, Captain *Richard Munden* was ordered thither with four Ships of War, and immediately recovered the same, with a Loss more fatal to the *Dutch*, of three rich *East-India* Ships, which there fell into his Hands. But in revenge of these Proceedings, the *Dutch* Vice Admiral *Evertz* sailing, with fifteen Men of War, to our Plantations on the Continent, took several Ships, and did other considerable Mischiefs, and thence going down to the *Caribbees*, recovered the Isle of St. *Eustace*, which we had lately taken.

Captain Munden
recovers
St. Helena,
and takes
three East-
India Ships.

The Dutch damage
our
Plantations.

Peace between
England and
Holland.
1774.

By this time the People of *England* being alarmed at the vast Progress of the *French* King's Arms in the *Netherlands*, grew very uneasy at the Continuance of the War with the *Dutch*, and induced the King to come to a Peace with them, which was concluded in the beginning of the next Year; by which Treaty they agreed, among other things, to the Right of the Flag, to settle the Affairs of Commerce in the *East-Indies*, and to pay his Majesty eight hundred thousand Petacoons.

1675.
Sir John Narbrough
sent
against Tripoli.

and

burns their
Ships with his
Boats.

In the latter end of the Year 1675, Sir *John Narbrough* was sent with a Squadron to the *Mediterranean*, to chastise the Pirates of *Tripoli*, who had interrupted our Trade in that Sea, and coming before that Place, in the Dead of the Night, manned out his Boats, and sent them into the Port, under the Conduct of his Lieutenant, Mr. *Cloudsley Shovell*, who first seizing the Enemy's Guard-Boat, went on undiscovered, and surprized four of the *Tripoline* Ships (which were all they had in Port) as they lay under the Castle and Walls of the Town, and having burnt them, returned triumphantly to the Ships without the Loss of one Man; soon after which Sir *John Narbrough* concluded a Treaty with the Government of *Tripoli*, upon advantageous Terms.

Some time after this the *Algerines* breaking with us, and cruising on our Ships trading in their way, Admiral *Herbert* sailed, in the

beginning

beginning of the Year 1682, with a Squadron to the *Mediterranean*, and forced that People to come to a Peace, by a Treaty which still subsists with their Government.

Admiral Herbert sent against the Algerines.
1682.

The King being now weary of the vast Charge of maintaining the Garrison and Fortifications of *Tangier*, his Majesty came to a Resolution of demolishing the same, and making choice of the Lord *Dartmouth* for the Performance of that Service, sent him thither in *August* 1683, at the Head of a considerable Squadron, with a Commission to be General of his Forces in *Barbary*. His Lordship, on his Arrival there, immediately set about that Work, and tho' all possible Diligence was used in ruining the Place, it was many Months before its Destruction was completed. It had a very fine Mole, on which vast Sums of Money had been expended since it came into the Hands of the *English*, which cost the Workmen the most trouble of any thing else, the Stones being cemented together to the same Hardness as the natural Rock, so that they were forced to drill it in several Places, and blow it up by Piece-meal. The Mole, together with the Rubbish of the Town, was thrown into the Harbour, to fill it up, and did so effectually spoil the same, as it can never again be made a Port. By the King's Direction there were buried among the Ruins a considerable Number of mill'd Crown-Pieces of his Majesty's Coin, which haply, many Centuries hence, when other Memory of it shall be lost, may declare to succeeding Ages that that Place was once a Member of the *British* Empire.

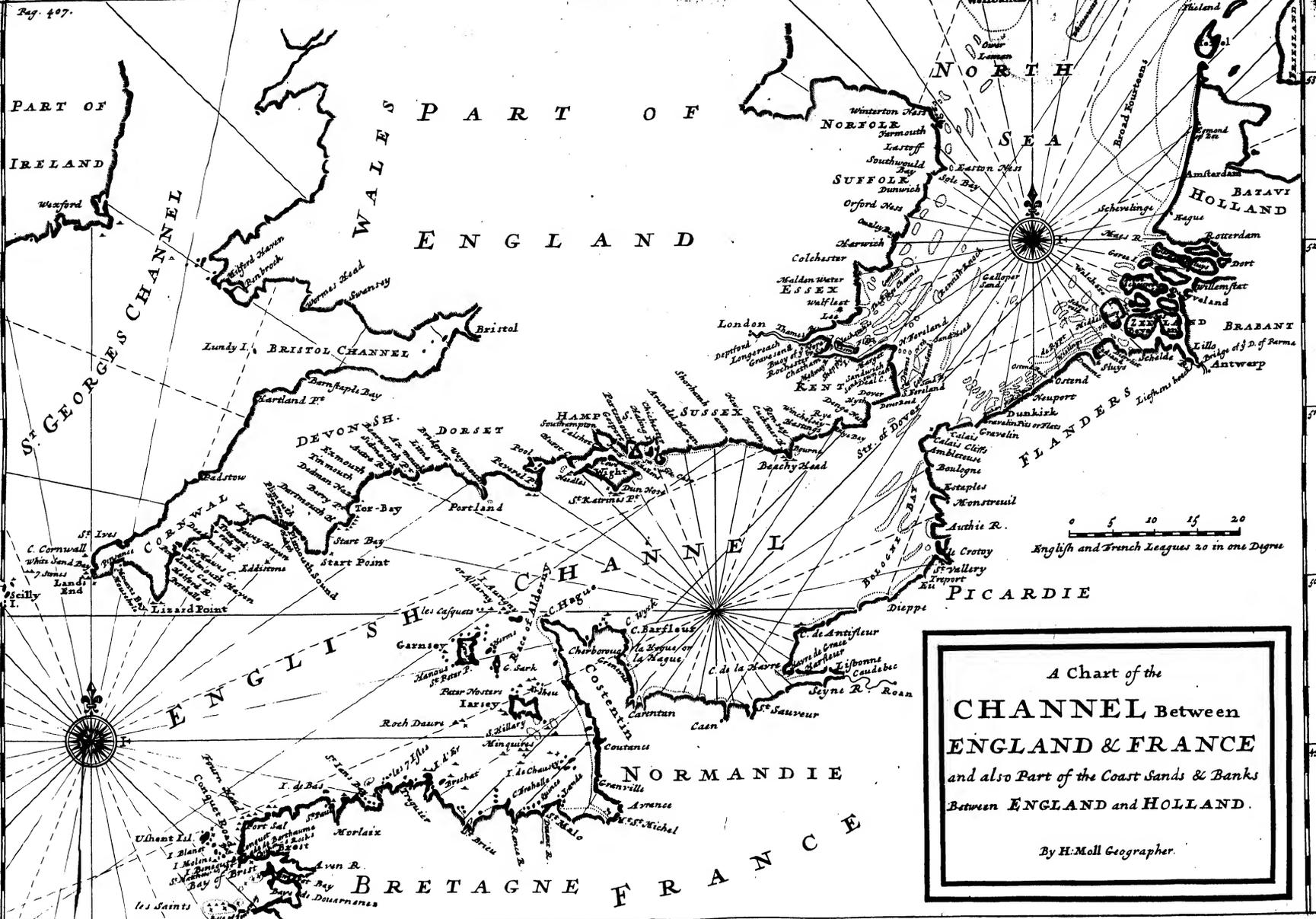
1683.
The Lord Dartmouth sent to destroy Tangier.

The Town Mole and Harbour destroyed.

Soon after this King *Charles* dying, there happened nothing remarkable at Sea during the short unhappy Reign which followed, till near the Conclusion of it by the Glorious Revolution, which placed the Prince of *Orange* and his Illustrious Consort on the Throne, the Naval Incidents whercof, and of the long War which ensued thereupon with *France*, will be related in the next Book.

King Charles II's Death.





A Chart of the
CHANNEL Between
ENGLAND & FRANCE
 and also Part of the Coast Sands & Banks
 Between **ENGLAND** and **HOLLAND**.
 By H. Moll Geographer.



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HISTORY

Of the most Remarkable

TRANSACTIONS at SEA.

BOOK IV.

Containing an Account of the Naval Transactions of the *English*, from the Revolution in 1688, to the Peace of *Ryswick*, in the Year 1697.

CHAPTER I.

The Proceedings of the English Fleet, upon the Preparations made in Holland, till the Prince of Orange's landing in England.



AS the Invitations which the Prince of *Orange* received in the Year 1688, induced him to make Preparation in *Holland* for an Expedition to this Kingdom, that thereby he might secure to us our Religion, Laws, and Liberties, so had King *James* Advice from time to time of the Progress his Highness made; and although his Majesty was not at first thoroughly convinced that his Design was to wait his Forces hither, (notwithstanding he had then an Ambassador

1688.
King James
has notice of
the Preparations in Hol-
land.

*Scouts sent
out
A Squadron
sent with Sir
Roger Strick-
land.*

bassador at the *Flague*) yet being afterwards well assured thereof, and having a small Squadron of Snips in Pay, commanded by Sir *Roger Strickland*, then Rear Admiral of *England*, he thought it convenient to appoint them a Piece of Rendezvous, and about the middle of *June* sent out some Scouts to observe the Motions of the *Dutch Fleet*. Not long after that the Squadron was ordered to *Sea*, and made two short Trips to and from *Southwold Bay*, the last whereof was after King *James* had visited them at the *Buoy of the Nore*, and consulted with his Flag Officers, and Captains, what was most adviseable to be done for intercepting the Prince in his Passage; for at that time it was altogether unknown at the *English Court* to what Part of the Kingdom he was designed.

The Preparations in *Holland* advancing apace, King *James* deemed it necessary to send Instructions to Sir *Roger Strickland* how to govern himself in so important an Affair; of which Instructions it may not be improper to insert the following Copy.

James R.

*King James's
Instructions to
Sir Roger
Strickland.*

WHEREAS We have been lately given to understand, that great Preparations are at this Day making by the States of the United Provinces, for increasing their Naval Force now at *Sea*, by the Addition of a considerable Number of their greater Ships; and forasmuch as We think it behoving, that, for preventing, as much as may be, the Evil that may be intended towards Us, Our Government, or the Trade of Our Subjects, you, with the Commanders of Our Ships under your Charge, be, without Delay, advertised thereof, We have, to that Purpose, caused this, by Express, to be dispatched to you, to the end that, upon Receipt hereof, you may immediately apply your self to the considering, and putting in Execution, whatever you, with the Advice of such of Our Commanders as you shall call to your Assistance, shall judge expedient, for the putting, and keeping, Our Ships in a Condition of attending the Motion of those of the States, as you shall from time to time conceive most for Our Service. To which end, though such is Our Reliance upon your approved Diligence, Integrity, Valour, and Experience in maritime Affairs, that We do hereby entirely commit the whole Conduct thereof, in all Emergencies, to your sole Direction, yet We conceive it not unuseful (without Constraint) to recommend to you, in your Proceedings therein, the following Considerations, *viz.*

1. That two of Our Ships (to be changed once a Week) may be always kept cruising off of *Orfordness*, in order to as early discovering as may be the Approach, or Motion of those of the States, with Instructions not to fail, so soon as any such Discovery shall be made, to repair with Advice thereof your self to the *Downs*, or where else you shall appoint for their meeting you.

2. That so soon as the Wind shall come Easterly, and while it so continues, the like be done by Ships to be by you employed be-

tween the *Godwin Sands* and *Calais*, for preventing the States Ships passing by undilcovered to the Westward.

And here you are to take notice, that for the more effectual securing of timely Advice to you of the Proceedings of the Ships of the States, and easing you in the Ships to be spared for this use, We have determined to cause some *Barking Smacks*, or other small Craft, proper for that Work, to be without Delay taken up, and sent forth to that Purpose, with like Instructions to repair from time to time to you, with Advice, as before; of the Readiness of which Vessels to proceed on this Service, you shall be farther informed from the Secretary of Our Admiralty.

3. That upon your being advertised of the *Dutch Ships* being come to Sea, and of their Motion there, it may be adviseable (which Way soever they bend, whether to the Northward, down the Chanel, into the River, or towards the *Downs*) that you with Our Squadron do get under Sail, and (quitting the *Downs* either by the North, or South *Foreland*, according to your Discretion) endeavour to follow them, so as always, if possible, to keep between them and their Home. And in Case of their attempting to make any Descent, by landing of Men upon any of Our Coasts, you are to proceed hostilely upon them, for the preventing, or interrupting them as much as may be in their said Attempt.

4. That Care be timely taken, by Orders to be given in that behalf, that effectual Provision be always made for our Ships resorting to some known Places of Rendezvous, in Cases of Separation; and that as frequent Accounts of the Proceedings of the *Dutch* be by you dispatched, as conveniently may be, to the Secretary of Our Admiralty, for Our Information. And whereas, for the better enforcing the present Squadron of our Ships under your Command, We have determined upon converting those of the fifth Rate into Fireships, and fitting out others of the third and fourth Rates in their room, in the doing whereof all Endeavours of Dispatch will be made, Our Will and Pleasure is, that you do forthwith issue out your Orders to the Lord *Berkeley*, to take the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather for bringing the *Charles Gally* to *Sheerness*, that her Company may be removed into such other Ship as we shall by Our Commission appoint for him. But We are pleased to direct, that in case the *Reserve* be still with you, and that you conceive her to be in any Condition of being kept abroad a little while longer, for answering the present Exigence, till these Recruits, or Part of them, can come to you, you do respite the sending her to *Portsmouth* till farther Order. For which this shall be your Warrant. Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, the twenty second Day of *August*, 1688.

By Command of his Majesty,

S. PEPYS.

Sir *Roger Strickland* being thus instructed, I refer you to the following Account of the Strength of the Squadron, and of what Ships were ordered to be got in a Readiness to join him, *viz.*

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Number

Ships designed to intercept the Dutch Fleet.

Number and Rates of Ships which were with Sir Roger Strickland.

Rates	Number.	
3 ——— ——— ——— ——— —	1	}
4 ——— ——— ——— ——— —	16	
5 ——— ——— ——— ——— —	3	
6 ——— ——— ——— ——— —	2	
Fireships ——— ——— ——— ——— —	4	
<i>Ordered to be fitted out to join him.</i>		
3 ——— ——— ——— ——— —	10	}
4 ——— ——— ——— ——— —	11	
6 ——— ——— ——— ——— —	1	
Fireships ——— ——— ——— ——— —	13	
		in all 61

Besides six Tenders, which were to be employed as Scouts.

Sir Roger found that those Ships he had with him were very ill manned, and since there was but little Prospect of a speedy Supply of Seamen, he desired that some Soldiers might be sent on board to make up that Deficiency, which was done, but not with that Speed the Nature of the Service required. He advised with those Officers in the Squadron whom he judged the most experienced, and communicating to them the Contents of his Instructions, both he and they were of Opinion, that they ought, when victualled, to fail to the *Buoy of the Gunfleet*, on this Side *Harwich*, since they might sooner get Intelligence there of the Motion of the *Dutch*, than by staying in the *Downs*, for that with Westerly Winds it would be five or six Days before the Scouts off of *Orfordness* could ply it up; whereas the Squadron might sooner put to Sea from the *Gunfleet*, upon Notice that the *Dutch* were come out. But if when this should be considered by his Majesty, it met not with his Approbation, he proposed that one or two of the Scouts might fail directly to the Coast of *Holland*, to make Discoveries, whilst he, at the same time sent two of his cleanest Ships off of *Orfordness* for that purpose.

Sir Roger's Opinion to fail to the Gunfleet.

King James's Directions to Sir Roger.

Soon after King *James* received this Proposition, he signified his Pleasure thereupon, and that in such a manner, as made it apparent the Opinions of the Flag Officer, and Captains under him, were not so much adher'd to as might have been expected from the Contents of his Majesty's first Instructions; for he let Sir *Roger Strickland* know, that having considered well of what he had proposed, and debated the same with several of the most experienced Commanders, and Masters, he was fully convinced, that it could not in any wise be convenient for his Service to put the same in Execution; for that the *Gunfleet*, at such a Season of the Year was a very ill Road, and that, if the Wind should hang Easterly, he would be liable to be driven up the River by the *Dutch*, which ought above all things to be avoided. Wherefore he directed him to go out of the *Downs* with the first Easterly Wind, and to place himself between the *North Sand Head*,
and

and the *Kentish Knock*, there to continue under Sail in the Day time, and at Anchor in the Night, if fair Weather; but if it happened to blow hard, and that the *Dutch Fleet* did not appear, to proceed by the back of the *Goodwin Sand* to *Bologne Bay*, and there remain until he was satisfied they were either passed down the Chanel, or gone up the River; in the former of which Cases it was recommended to him to follow them as near as he judged convenient, until they were between the *Lizard* and *Scilly*, and finding them proceeding farther, to return to *St. Hellen's Road*, or *Spithead*; but if they bent their Course into the River, he was to endeavour to return by the back of the *Goodwin*, and to get the Wind of them. For the rest it was left to him to proceed as he should judge most proper, with this only Caution, that as soon as the Wind came up Weesterly, and that not any of the forementioned Cases happened, he was to repair to the *Downs*. These Directions, rather to proceed to *Bologne Bay* than the *Gunfleet*, were determined upon a solemn Debate the Day before they bore Date, (*viz.* the 26th of *August*) in King *James's* Closet, at *Windsor*, the following Persons being present, who were particularly summoned from *London*, namely, the Lord *Dartmouth*, Mr. *Pepys*, Secretary of the Admiralty, Sir *John Berry*, and three elder Brothers of the *Trinity House* of *Deptford Stroud*, Capt. *Atkinson*, Capt. *Mudd*, and Captain *Rutter*, together with Captain *John Clements*.

The second of *September* Sir *Roger Strickland* had Advice from one of the Scouts, that twenty five Sail of the *Dutch Fleet*, sixteen of them great Ships, were off of *Gorée*, on the Coast of *Holland*, some of them under Sail, with three Flags, *viz.* Admiral, Vice, and Rear, and that they all lay with their Topails loose upon the Windward Tide.

*Advice of the
Presence of
the Dutch
Fleet.*

King *James* thinking his Squadron (which though but very weakly manned, were, for what Reason I know not, forbid to press Men even out of homeward bound Merchant Ships) not of sufficient Strength to intercept the *Dutch*, ordered them to retire to the *Buoy of the Nore*; but commanded that two of the cleanest Frigates should ply off of *Orfordness*, and that upon the first Approach of a foreign Fleet, one of them should immediately repair to the *Nore*, with Advice thereof, and the other remain in her Station, to observe whether the said Fleet made up towards *Harwich*, or the River, and then also come to the *Nore*, and give notice thereof by the usual Signals. And that the Motions of the *Dutch Fleet* might be the better known, it was recommended to Sir *Roger Strickland*, as a Matter of greatest Importance, so to employ all the Scout Vessels, as that he might have from them, and King *James* himself from him, the most frequent and exact Accounts of their Proceedings on their own Coast, and of their Departure thence.

*The Squadron
order'd to
the Nore.*

The Beginning of *October* King *James* appointed the Lord *Dartmouth*, Admiral of the Fleet, who diligently apply'd himself towards the hastening to the *Buoy of the Nore* all Ships and Vessels which were sitting out in the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*, and received the following Instructions for his Government.

*Instructions
to the
Admiral of the
Fleet, on the
1st of
October 1688.*

James R.

Instructions to
the Lord
Dartmouth.

WHEREAS We have received undoubted Advice, that a great and sudden Invasion from *Holland*, with an armed Force of Foreigners, and Strangers, will be made speedily, in an hostile manner, upon this Our Kingdom; Our Will and Pleasure is, that all necessary Orders being by you issued for the hastening Our Ships and Vessels, now fitting forth out of the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*, and from *Portsmouth*, together with those already at Sea under the Command of Sir *Roger Strickland* Knight, Vice-Admiral of our said Fleet, to their intended Rendezvous at the *Buoy of the Nore*, (a perfect List of which Ships, Fireships, and other Vessels, is hereunto annexed) you do, with all possible Diligence, repair on board our Ship *Resolution*, Captain *William Davis* Commander, or such other of Our Ships as you shall now, and at any times hereafter, think fit to bear Our Flag, as Admiral, upon taking upon you the Charge and Conduct of Our said Fleet, and what other Ships shall at any time hereafter be by Us set forth for reinforcing the same. Which Fleet, and every Part thereof, We (out of Our entire Reliance upon your approved Loyalty, Valour, Circumspection, and Experience) do hereby authorize and empower you to lead, and by Our Orders, to direct and dispose of, at all Times, and in all Emergencies, as you in your Discretion shall judge most conducing to Our Honour, and the Safety of Our Dominions, and particularly in the preventing the Approach of any Fleet, or Number of Ships of War from *Holland*, upon any of Our Coasts, or their making any Descent upon the same. Towards your more effectual Execution whereof, We do hereby empower and require you, to endeavour, by all hostile means, to sink, burn, take, or otherwise destroy and disable the said Fleet, and the Ships thereof, when and wheresoever you shall meet with, or otherwise think fit to look out for and attack them, giving a perfect Account of your Proceedings therein to the Secretary of Our Admiralty for Our Information. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* this first Day of *October* 1688.

By his Majesty's Command,

S. PEYVS.

The following List of the Fleet was annexed to the foregoing Instructions.

<i>Ships for the main Fleet.</i>		
Rate.	Ships Names.	Where they were.
3	<i>Mary</i>	} Coming to the <i>Nore</i> with Sir <i>Roger Strickland</i> .
	<i>Mountague</i>	
4	<i>Affurance</i>	
	<i>Jerzey</i>	
	<i>Constant Warwick</i>	
	<i>Bristol</i>	
	<i>Nonsuch</i>	

Rate

Rate.	Ships Names.	Where they were	
4	<i>Crown</i> <i>Dover</i> <i>Mordaunt</i> <i>Greenwich</i> <i>Tyger</i> <i>Bonadventure</i>	} Coming to the <i>Nore</i> with Sir <i>Roger Strickland</i> .	
6	<i>Larke</i> { <i>Sally Rose</i> <i>Half Moon</i> <i>St. Paul</i>		
Yachts 3			
4	<i>Forefight</i> <i>Deptford</i>		In the River. At the <i>Nore</i> .
Fireship	<i>Dartmouth</i>		} Off of <i>Orfordness</i> .
4	<i>Faulcon</i> <i>Sampson</i>		
Fireship		} Coming to the <i>Nore</i> from <i>Tarmouth</i> .	
6	<i>Saudadoes</i>	In the <i>Downs</i> .	
<i>Ships fitting out.</i>			
3	<i>Defiance.</i> <i>Resolution</i> <i>Henrietta</i> <i>Cambridge</i> <i>Elizabeth</i>	} At <i>Blackstake</i> near <i>Sbeer-</i> <i>ness</i> .	
4	<i>Pendennis</i> <i>Newcastle</i> <i>Woolwich</i>		
3	<i>Rupert</i>	} At <i>Chatham</i> .	
	<i>Tork</i> <i>Dreadnought</i> <i>Plimouth.</i>	} In the <i>Hope</i> .	
Fireships	{ <i>Pearl</i> <i>Richmond</i> <i>Charles & Henry</i> <i>Unity</i>		
4	<i>Advice</i> <i>Diamond</i> <i>Ruby</i> <i>St. David</i> <i>Centurion</i>		
6	<i>Portsmouth</i> <i>Fin Drake</i> <i>Guardland</i> <i>Guerusey.</i> <i>Swan.</i>		
Fireships		} At <i>Portsmouth</i> .	
		} At <i>Spithead</i> .	
		} In <i>Longreach</i> .	

Rate.	Ships Names.	Where they were.		
4	Fireships { <i>Sophia</i> <i>Speedwell</i> <i>Elizabeth and Sarah</i> <i>Cignet</i> <i>Charles</i>	} In Longreach.		
			} At Deptford.	
				<i>Roebuck</i>
				<i>Antelope</i>
				<i>St. Albans</i>
	<i>Swallow</i>			

Abstract.

Rate	Number
3 ——— ——— ———	14
4 ——— ——— ———	24
6 ——— ——— ———	2
Fireships	18 { Most of which were made for from fifth Rates.
Yachts	3
	<u>61</u>

Of which 38 were of the Line of Battel.

A Council of War at the Gunfleet.

The Fleet being at the *Gunfleet*, and ready in all respects to proceed to Sea, his Lordship called a Council of War, and by a great Majority it was resolved to continue there: not but that some, and particularly Sir *William Jennings*, (who commanded a Ship of the third Rate) thought it much more advisable to proceed over to the Coast of *Holland*, and there attend the coming forth of the *Dutch* Fleet. This last Proposal did certainly carry the greatest Weight with it, had there been a real Design of obstructing the Prince of *Orange* in his Passage to *England*; but, instead of that, Matters were so concerted, and agreed among the Commanders (who had frequently private Meetings to consider the Circumstances of Affairs) that had the Admiral come fairly up with the *Dutch*, it would not have been in his Power to have done them much Damage, although I have reason to believe his Lordship and some of the Captains would have exerted themselves to the utmost.

The Dutch Fleet passes by the Gunfleet.

Things being at this pass, the Ships of the States-General, commanded by Admiral *Herbert*, passed by the *Gunfleet* in a very foggy Day, and some of the Transports with Soldiers were even within sight; while the *English* Fleet rid with their Yards and Topmasts down, and could not, by reason of the Violence of the Wind, purchase their Anchors.

The Dutch Fleet land at Torbay.

The same Wind which thus detained the *English* Fleet, was very fair to carry the Prince down the Channel, and continued so until he arrived in *Torbay*, where his Forces landed the fourth of *November*, which were about fourteen thousand Men; but

but since (as I have been informed) his Highness was rather expected in the North, it was some time before the Gentlemen of the Country could conveniently put themselves into a Condition of joining him; insomuch that calling a Council of War, to consider what was most advicable to be done, his Return to *Holland* (as it hath been reported) had like to have been determined. However the Country came in by degrees, and King *James's* Army thereupon deserting, even by whole Regiments, and the best of his Officers also leaving him, while others shewed no greater Inclination than the common Men to engage in his Quarrel, the Prince marched with little Blood-shed to *London*, and the unfortunate King, with his Queen, retired to *France* not long after.

But since this Matter hath been more amply related by others, I shall return to the *English Fleet*, which put to Sea as soon as they could purchase their Anchors, and taking their Course Westward, came in few Days off of *Torbay*, where the *Dutch Ships* lay. The Lord *Dartmouth* had not viewed them long, e'er a Storm arose, which forced him out of the Chancel; but returning in little time, and being again off of the aforesaid Bay, his Lordship gave them an Opportunity of seeing what his Strength might have enabled him to have done, had our Inclinations been to treat them as Enemies. The Prince being landed, as aforesaid, and all things favouring his Designs, his Lordship sailed to the *Downs*, where several Officers, known, or at least suspected, to be *Roman Catholics*, were dismissed from their Employments, which was followed by an humble Address to his Highness; and not long after the Ships were dispersed, some to the Dock Yards to be dismantled and laid up, others to be clean'd and refitted, while those in the best Condition for the Sea were appointed to necessary Services.

The English Fleet sail in quest of the Dutch.

The English retire to the Downs.

CHAP. II.

Admiral Herbert's engaging a French Squadron on the Coast of Ireland, with an Account of what happened in that Kingdom; and of Admiral Russell's carrying the Queen of Spain to the Croyne.

ALL possible Diligence being used in preparing for an early Campaign the next Year, and particularly to prevent the *French King's* sending King *James*, with a Body of his own Troops, into *Ireland*, Mr. *Herbert* (soon after created Earl of *Torrington*) was appointed Admiral of the Fleet the fourteenth of *March*, who coming to *Portsmouth* the twentieth of that Month, found that the Ships which were ordered to join him from the East lay Wind-bound in the *Downs*. The twentieth of *April* all those designed for the *Mediterranean* were added to him; and he having had notice some Days before

King William appoints Admiral Herbert Admiral of the Fleet.
(1689.)

before that King *James* was landed in *Ireland*, he hastened to that Coast with all the Strength which could possibly be gotten together, hoping he might intercept the Ships of War which were his Convoy; the rest he ordered to follow him, and to do it rather singly, than lose time by staying for another; and the Places appointed for Rendezvous were the Coast of *Ireland*, or ten Leagues West of *Scilly*.

His Proceedings to the Coast of *Ireland*, and engaging in *Bantry Bay*.

Coming before *Cork* the seventeenth of *April*, with only twelve Ships of War, one Fireship, two Yachts, and two Smacks, he was informed that King *James* (who was conducted over by twenty two Ships from *France*) landed at *Kinsale* about two Months before. This led him to proceed first off of *Brest*, and then to range to and fro in the *Soundings*, in hopes of meeting those Ships; but failing thereof, and returning to the *Irish* Coast the twenty ninth of *April*, he discovered in the Evening, off of *Kinsale*, a Fleet of forty four Sail, of which he lost sight the next Day; but judging them to be to the Westward of him, he bore away, with the Wind Easterly, for *Cape Clear*, and in the Evening saw them standing into *Bantry Bay*. He lay in the Offing until Morning, and then stood towards them, having increased his Strength to nineteen Ships of War, but the *Dartmouth*, a small Frigate, was one of the Number. The *French* were at Anchor, being twenty eight, most of them from sixty to upwards of seventy Guns, and some bigger, with five Fireships; and the Transport Ships (which carried to *Ireland* about five thousand Men) were at some Distance plying to Windward.

Upon sight of our Ships, those of the Enemy got under sail, and when the Admiral had, not without difficulty, worked up within two Miles of them, they bore down on him in a very orderly Line, and one of their Ships being within Musket-shot of the *Defiance*, which led our Van, they two began the Fight, as did the others after as soon as 't was possible. His Lordship made several Boards, intending thereby to gain the Wind of the Enemy, or at least to engage closer than they seem'd willing to do; but finding he could not do either, and that it was not advisable to maintain in such a manner so unequal a Fight, he stretched off to Sea, not only to get his Ships into a regular Line, but to gain the Wind, if possible; but so very cautious were the *French* in bearing down, that he could not meet with any Opportunity of doing it, so that continuing the Fight upon a Stretch, until about five in the Afternoon, the *French* Admiral tack'd and stood in towards the Shore; and as our Ships had suffered so much in their Masts and Rigging, that not the one half of them were in a Condition for farther Action, so doubtless the *French* received considerable Damage. How far their Admiral was restrained by Orders I cannot learn, but certain it is that he made very little use of the greatest Advantage; for as he had the Wind, so had he double the Force, besides Fireships. Considering therefore all Circumstances, and that most of our Ships were very ill manned, they came off more fortunately than could reasonably have been expected; for there were no more than ninety Men killed, and two hundred

dred and seventy wounded, Captain *George Aylmer* being the only Captain slain in the Action.

After this Dispute was over the Admiral repaired to his Rendezvous, which was ten Leagues West from the Islands of *Scilly*, where he was in hopes of meeting with such an additional Strength, as might have enabled him to proceed in search of the *French*; but being disappointed therein, he returned to *Spithead*, where Orders were lodg'd for the immediate fitting the Ships, and all such as had not before join'd the Fleet, but were so far advanced as *Plymouth*, or *Scilly*, were remanded to *Spithead*, at which Place those coming from the East were also directed to rendezvous till farther Orders.

Such Dispatch was made, that the Admiral arrived with the Fleet off of *Torbay* about the middle of *June*, and not many Days after several Ships of the States-General reached *Spithead*, with their Admiral, a Vice, and Rear Flag; and they, together with Mr. *Russel**, then Admiral of the Blue, sailed the second of *July* to join the Body, as did several others, as they came in, and received Orders so to do.

Vice-Admiral *Killegrew* had been for some time with a Squadron off of *Dunkirk*, to keep the *French* Ships in that Port; but he finding no more than four in *Flemish* Road, and three of them small ones, was also ordered to join the Fleet. This little Squadron were Merchant Ships hired into the Service, except the *Kent*, a third Rate, two small Frigates, and two Fireships, so that they were disposed of to several necessary Stations, being in no wise proper for the Line of Battel.

The Admiral cruised on the *French* Coast, and to and fro in the Soundings, without meeting any thing remarkable; and being the latter end of *August* in very great want of Beer, was obliged to come to *Torbay*, a Place very convenient for the Refreshment of the Fleet though it does not altogether please some People on shore, who (without reason) think it a Loadstone which does too much attract. And now the Winter Season being so far advanced as not to admit of keeping the Fleet at Sea in a Body, those Ships which wanted greatest Repairs, especially of the biggest Rates, were ordered into Port, and the Remainder divided into Squadrons; of which Squadrons, as I come now to give some Account, so will I first mention that detached with Sir *George Rooke* † in the Month of *May*.

The Admiral thought it for the Advantage of the King's Service to send him with several Ships to the Coast of *Ireland*, that he might assist the Generals of the Land Forces in the Reduction of that Kingdom. With part of them he arrived off of *Greenock* about the tenth of *May*, and then sent Orders to *Chester* for the *Bonadventure*, and other Ships, to join him off of *Cantire*. That which first required his Assistance was the Relief of *Londonderry*, to which Place he determined to proceed as soon as the rest of the Ships could join him, for he had yet no more than the *Deptford*, *Antelope*, *Greyhound*, *Kingsfisher* Ketch, and *Henrietta* Yacht. Being off of Cape

The Admiral returns to Spithead.

Admiral Russel and

Vice-Admiral Killegrew join the Fleet.

The Admiral arrives again off the French Coast.

The great Ships sent in, and others divided on several Services.

Sir George Rooke sent with a Squadron to Ireland, and his Proceedings there.
1689.

* *Now Earl of Oxford.*

† *Afterwards Admiral of the Fleet, and Vice Admiral of England.*

Cantire the twenty second, he received Advice from Captain *Young*, who commanded the King's Forces thereabouts, that a Body of *Scotch* were got together in the Islands *Gega* and *Kara*, lying on the West side of *Cantire*, whither he proceeded, and, not without great Difficulty and Hazard, got his Ships in, and laid them to pass; but the Enemy seeing Captain *Young* disembarking his Forces, hastened to their Boats in great Confusion, and so made their Escape.

The eighth of *June* he fell in with the *Bonadventure*, *Swallow*, and *Dartmouth*, and a Fleet of Transport Ships with Major General *Kirk*, with whom he proceeded towards *Derry*, but was forced to *Ratblin's Bay*, and detained there till the twelfth. When he arrived with the Forces off of *Lough Foyle*, he ordered the *Dartmouth*, *Greyhound*, and *Kingsfisher* Ketch to follow the Major-General's Orders, for they, being the smallest, were the most proper to go up the River, and the King had before put the *Swallow*, a fourth Rate, under the Major General's Command; so that the *Deptford*, *Bonadventure*, *Portland*, and *Antelope* lay off of the Harbour's Mouth, to assist upon any occasion, and protect the Forces from Attempts by Sea.

The Major-General being advanced near the Place, called a Council of War on board the *Swallow* the nineteenth of *June*, at which there were present Colonel *Stuart*, Sir *John Hanmer*, Lieutenant Colonel *St. John*, Lieutenant Colonel *Woolseley*, Lieutenant Colonel *Dampier*, Lieutenant Colonel *de la Barte*, Lieutenant Colonel *Lundini*, Major *Rowe*, Major *Tiffin*, Major *Carville*, Major *Richards*, Engineer, Captain *Wolfran Cornwall* of the *Swallow*, Captain *John Leak* of the *Dartmouth*, Captain *Gillain* of the *Greyhound*, Captain *Sanderson* of the *Henrietta* Yacht, and Captain *Boys* of the *Kingsfisher* Ketch. They were almost assured that there was a Boom laid athwart the River, a little above *Brook-Hall*, at a Place called *Charles-Fort*; that the said Boom was framed of a Chain and Cables, and floated with Timbers; and that at each end thereof there were Redoubts with heavy Cannon. They were informed that the sides of that narrow River were intrenched, and lined with Musqueteers, as also that several Boats were sunk, and Stockades drove in with great Spikes of Iron: Nor was there any room to doubt of that part which related to the Cannon, for the *Greyhound* received considerable Damage from them in going up the Day before: Wherefore it was resolved to stay until their Force was augmented, and then, by making a Descent, endeavour to oblige the Enemy to raise the Siege.

In the mean time the Major-General designing to possess himself of the Island *Inch*, the Commodore took on board the Ships of War a Detachment with Colonel *Stuart*, with whom arriving the ninth of *July* in *Lough Swilly*, he came to an Anchor near the Island, and the next Morning the Men were landed. The Pass from the Island to the Main was secured the sixteenth by two Redoubts, and a Battery of Cannon, on each side whereof the *Greyhound* and *Kingsfisher* Ketch were moored; and then the Commodore sailing with the *Deptford*, *Bonadventure*, and *Portland*, towards *Lough Foyle*,

A Consultation about relieving Londonderry. 1689.

Foyle, met the Major-General coming down with his Transports from *Kilmore*, in order to land the Forces on the Island of *Inch*; and being informed by him that some *French* Ships of War had been on the Coast, and taken two small *Scotch* Frigats off of *Carrickfergus*, and two *English* Vessels near *Cantire*, and that they were gone from thence with some Forces to the Isle of *Mull*, he immediately sailed, and arrived at the said Island the next Day; but the *French* Ships had left it four Days before, and shaped their Course for the South Coast of *Ireland*. The very Morning he arrived a Battalion of about four hundred Men were transported from the Island to the Main, and their Officers were following in two small Vessels; but seeing our Ships doubling the Land, the *Irish* got on shore, and ran up to the Mountains. After the Commodore had batter'd the Castle on the Island belonging to Commissary *Macklaine*, he sailed, and the next Morning, off of the Island *Ila*, met a small Boat with an Express from Duke *Hamilton*, giving him an Account that the *Irish* designed to transport more Forces from *Carrickfergus*, for which reason his Grace desired him to continue to cruize in that Station to prevent them.

The twenty second of *June* the *Portland* brought him a Letter from the Major-General, advising him that our Forces in *London-derry* were reduced to so great Extremities for want of Provisions, that they had lived for some time on Hides, Dogs, and Cats: That he was returned from *Inch* with the *Swallow*, and three victualling Ships, and was resolv'd to attempt getting up to the Town, but believed the Countenance of some other of the Ships might be very serviceable. Upon this the Commodore left the *Bonadventure* and *Portland* in his Station, and with the *Deptford* and *Dartmouth* proceeded towards the Major-General, the last of which Ships he sent up to *Kilmore* to receive his Orders, and then returned to the *Bonadventure* and *Portland*, with Intention to continue there until the Arrival of the three Ships he expected from the Earl of *Torrington*, Admiral of the Fleet. By this Assistance the Supplies were safely convey'd to *Derry*, the Siege of which Place was soon after raised: And about this time the King's Forces, commanded by Colonel *Berry*, near *Linaskea*, had a signal Victory over the Enemy, insomuch that, with the Number killed by the Army, and those which were knocked on the Head by the Country People, they lost not less than four thousand Men; and their Cannon, with most of their surviving Officers, were taken, among whom was Major-General *Mackartie*, who was shot through the Thigh, and run into the Back.

Soon after the Commodore met the Duke of *Schonberg*, with the Transport Ships coming into *Bangor* Bay, in *Carrickfergus* Lough, where he landed part of his Army the same Night; but many of the Transports were wanting, and with them several small Frigates, the *Charles* Gally, *Supply*, *Saudadocs*, *Dartmouth*, and *Pearl*, in quest of which the *Portland* was sent to the Isle of *Man*.

The Hardships the People of Derry suffered for want of Provisions.

Supplies sent into London-derry, and the Siege raised.

A Victory obtained by the King's Forces near Linaskea.

Duke Schonberg arrives in Ireland with Forces.

The twenty fifth of *August* the Ships in the *Irish* Seas were disposed of as follows :

<p><i>Deptford,</i> <i>Bonadventure,</i> <i>Mary Gally,</i> <i>Antelope,</i> <i>Supply,</i> <i>Fanfan Sloop,</i> <i>Anne Ketch,</i> <i>Charity Ketch,</i> <i>Kingsfisher Ketch,</i> <i>Edward and Susan Hoy,</i> <i>Dartmouth,</i> <i>Princess Anne,</i> <i>Charles Gally,</i> <i>Greybound,</i> <i>Unity Ketch,</i> <i>Pearl,</i> <i>Henrietta Yacht,</i> <i>Monmouth Yacht,</i> <i>Portland,</i> <i>Saudadoes,</i> <i>Welcome Ketch,</i> <i>Swallow,</i></p>	<p>} At <i>Carrickfergus</i>, before which Place the Army encamped the twentieth, and it surrendered the twenty eighth.</p> <p>} At <i>Hylake</i>.</p> <p>} Cruising off of the Isle of <i>Man</i>.</p> <p>} Cruising between <i>Dublin</i> and <i>Man</i>.</p> <p>} Off of <i>Cape Cantire</i>,</p> <p>} With Major-General <i>Kirke</i>.</p>
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The Squadron having continued at *Carrickfergus* some time, the Commadore was desired by the General to take with him the *Deptford*, *Bonadventure*, *Mary Gally*, *Swallow*, *Portland*, *Antelope*, *Dartmouth*, *Archangel*, *Sampson*, *Scepter*, *Princess Anne*, *Hannibal*, *Smyrna Merchant*, *Supply*, *Greybound*, and *Henrietta Yacht*, together with several Ketches, and to cruise with them off of *Kinsale* and *Corke*, or where he should judge he might so do with most Advantage, the General keeping with him at *Carrickfergus* the *Charles Gally*, *Pearl*, *Saudadoes*, *Fanfan*, *St. Malo Merchant*, and several smaller Vessels, which were put under the Command of Captain *Roach* of the *Charles Gally*.

Sir George Rouse ordered to cruise with part of the Squadron off of Kinsale and Corke.

He is thought to be all the first Men of War to Hylake

The Commadore putting to Sea, endeavoured all that possibly he could to get Southward, but was forced by bad Weather into *Ranger Bay*, where he received Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to send all the hired Ships of War to *Hylake*. In his Passage from *Carrickfergus* he was obliged by a strong Southerly Wind to bear up and Anchor at the *Skerrys*, about twelve Miles from *Dublin*, where sending the Yacht in to gain Intelligence of the Army, several Shot were fired at her from the Shore, upon which he ordered the Ketches in, and manning all the Boats, landed about two hundred Men, who beat out of the Town those which pretended to defend it: But the Hills being covered with Horse and Foot, he ordered the Seamen off, lest they should be too much exposed;

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for they are far from being the most orderly in a Retreat: However, before they embarked they either staved, or brought off all the small Vessels and Fisherboats.

The sixteenth of *September* the Commadore came into *Dublin* Bay, where he had Thoughts of Anchoring, and to send the Yacht and Kerches into the Harbour to attempt the taking or burning the Enemy's Ships and Vessels; but the Wind veering out, and blowing hard, he was forced away, so that arriving off of *Cork* the eighteenth, he ordered the Yacht and the four Ketches into the Harbour for Intelligence, and to assure the People of their Majesties Protection upon Submission; but the obstinate *Irish* having planted fourteen or fifteen Guns on both sides the Harbour's Mouth, plied upon the Vessels both with great and small Shot; notwithstanding which, they proceeded, landed their Men, and took Possession of the *Great Island*: But the Ships being very foul, and in want of all Species of Provisions, the Commadore was constrain'd to leave his Station, and repair to the *Dorwns*, where he arriv'd the thirteenth of *October*.

*The People of
Cork oppose
the Vessels just
into that Har-
bour by six
George
Rooke.
Sir George
Rooke ar-
rives in the
Down.*

Vice-Admiral *Killegrew* was on the twenty eighth of *December* 1689 appointed Admiral and Commander in Chief of a Squadron designed for the *Mediterranean*, which was composed of one Second Rate, four Thirds, seven Fourths, one Fifth, and two Fireships, with which (upon Admiral *Russel's* Arrival at *Spithead*, or so many of them as should then be with him) he was to put himself under his Command, and to follow his Orders for proceeding to the *Streights*; but several Accidents happened which prevented his joining the said Admiral.

*Vice-Admiral
Killegrew ap-
pointed to
command a
Squadron
bound to the
Streights.
1689.*

Admiral *Russel* being appointed to conduct the *Queen of Spain* from *Holland* to the *Groyne*, and for that Expedition, as is already said, to have had some of the Ships of the *Mediterranean* Squadron, namely, the *Duke*, *Berwick*, and *Mountague*; that I may make my Account a methodical as possible, I shall first relate his Proceedings to the *Groyne*, and then those of Vice-Admiral *Killegrew* to and from the *Streights*.

*Admiral Rus-
sel ordered to
carry the
Queen of
Spain to the
Groyne.*

The twenty fourth of *November* the Admiral was ordered to proceed to *Ulsing*, in *Zealand*, with the Ship *Duke* beforementio- ned, of the Second Rate, four Third Rates, two Fourths, and two Yachts, there to receive on board the *Queen of Spain*, and her Majesty's Retinue, and from thence to repair to *Spithead* for farther Orders; and upon her Majesty's coming on board, as well as during the Time of her Stay, he was ordered to bear the Union Flag at the Maintopmast Head.

1689.

*His Proceed-
ings on that
Expedition*

He arrived at *Ulsing* the twelfth of *December*, having been obliged to continue about twenty four Hours on that Coast, in such hazey Weather, that it was impossible to make the Land, from whence her Majesty was brought to the *Dorwns*, where both her self and her Retinue were removed into more proper Ships, and the twenty fourth of *January* she arrived at *St. Helken's*, whence the Admiral proceeded into the Sea as soon as the Winds would permit, but was forced back to *Torbay* the twenty third of the next Month,

as he was the second of *March*, after another Attempt to fail: But at length getting clear, he had Sight of the *Groyne* the sixteenth; where having put the Queen, and her Attendance on Shore, and dispatched what was otherwise necessary to be done, he set Sail, but by contrary Winds was forced into the Harbour of *Ferrol*, very near the *Groyne*, where, in a violent Storm, the Ship *Duke* drove on Shore, but with great Care and Pains was luckily got off again with little or no Damage. The Ships which were appointed for Part of the Mediterranean Squadron the Admiral timely dispatched to *Cadiz*, and then taking the first Opportunity of a Wind, he reached *Plimouth* the twenty fifth of *April* with the Remainder, and arriving at *Portsmouth* the twenty eighth, landed there the Ladies, and other Persons of Quality that attended the Queen of *Spain* in her Passage, who, if I guess right, did not meet with that entire Content in the *Spanish* Court, which a Princess of her Birth and incomparable Perfections ought to have enjoyed.

1690.

C H A P. III.

Vice-Admiral Killigrew's Proceedings from the time of his sailing to the Mediterranean to that of his Return to England.

I Come now to give some Account of Mr. *Killigrew's* Proceedings to, and in the *Mediterranean*, before I mention any thing of the Transactions of the Body of the Fleet at Home the next Year: And in the first Place, it may not be improper to let you know that he had the following Instructions for his Government in that Expedition, *viz.*

Instructions to
Vice-Admiral
Killigrew.

1. When he arrived at *Cadiz* he was to send the *Happy Return* and *Oxford* (two fourth Rate Ships) with the Trade to *Malaga* and *Alicant*, and to give them Orders for their Return to *England* with the Merchant Ships from those Ports.

2. At such time as he should judge it most convenient he was to order the *Portland*, *Faulcon*, *Tyger*, and *Sapphire*, to proceed with the Trade to *Genoa*, *Livorne*, *Naples*, and *Messina*, and to see those bound for *Constantinople* and *Zant* as near to those Places as they could conveniently. These Ships of War were to keep Company with the *Turky* Trade to the Height of *Candia*, where parting, the *Tyger* and *Faulcon* were to conduct those bound to *Smyrna* first, and then the others within the *Dardanelles*, after which they were to return to, and remain at *Smyrna* sixty Days. The other two Ships, the *Portland* and *Sapphire*, were to convoy the Trade bound to *Scanderoon*, and to continue in that Port sixty Days, at the Expiration whereof they were respectively to sail, with all the Trade that should be ready, to *Messina*, the Place desired by the *Turky* Company

Company for their Rendezvous. But it was nevertheless left to the Admiral to give them other Directions, in case he judged it more adviseable, and to send them Home, with the other Trade for *England*, in such Manner as (according to Intelligence) he should think most proper.

3. Having dispatched away these Convoys, he was, with the *Duke*, *Berwick*, *Resolution*, *Mountague*, *Burford*, *Newcastle* and *Greenwich*, together with the *Dutch* Ships appointed to join him, and the *Half Moon*, and *Cadiz Merchant*, Fireships, to attend the Motion of the *French*, either in a Body, or in such Manner as might most conduce to the intercepting them, and to the Safety of the Trade, and to attack them if he found himself of Strength sufficient; but if they happened to pass the Streights, he was, upon the first Notice thereof, to follow them.

The seventh of *March* he sailed from *Torbay*, but arrived not at *Cadiz* till the eighth of the next Month; for he met with extreme bad Weather, insomuch that several Ships of the Squadron were much shatter'd, and two *Dutch* Men of War unhappily founder'd, one of seventy two, and the other of sixty Guns, having before but one Mast standing between them, and that but a Mizzen. In repairing those Damages he met with no little Discouragement and Interruption from the then Governor of *Cadiz*, who on this, and all other Occasions, demonstrated how much he inclined to an Interest which was entirely opposite to that of the Allies.

His sailing from Torbay, and Arrival at Cadiz.

Mr. *Killegrew* received on the ninth of *May* three several Expresses, one from the Consul at *Alicant*, another from him who resided at *Malaga*, and the third from Captain *Skelton*, who was with Part of the Squadron at *Gibraltar*, all of them letting him know that the *Thoulon* Squadron commanded by Monsieur *Chateau Renault*, was seen from those Places, and that it consisted of ten Sail, three of them Ships of eighty Guns each. A Council of War was hereupon called, where it was resolved to sail with as many Ships as were in a Condition, and to join the six *English* and *Dutch* which Captain *Skelton* had with him at *Gibraltar*, who was ordered not to attempt any thing untill so joined, but to take an especial Care for his Safety. Accordingly the Admiral sailed the tenth, at four in the Morning, with the *English* Ships following, *viz.* the *Duke*, *Mountague*, *Eagle*, *Tyger*, *Portland*, *Faulcon*, *Happy Return*, *Richmond*, and *Sapphire*, being one second Rate, two thirds, four fourths, and two fifths, as also two Ships of the Line of Battel of the States General, called the *Gnelderlandt* and *Zurickzee*, with which was Lieutenant-Admiral *Abnonde*, but there were left behind a third Rate, the *Resolution*, and a fourth Rate, named the *Newcastle*, as also a Prize taken by Captain *Bokenham* of the *Happy Return*, called the *Virgin's Grace*, which were found not to be in a fit Condition for the Sea.

The Advices he received of the Thoulon Squadron.

Resolution of a Council of War.

The tenth, at eleven at Night, the Wind was at W. N. W. and the Squadron had then Cape *Trafalgar* E. and by N. about four Leagues off. At four a Clock the next Morning they steer'd away for the Streight's Mouth, and had Cape *Spartell* S. W. distant a-

His Proceeding in Search of the French Squadron.

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about six Leagues, at which time the Admiral detached the *Portland* to *Gibraltar*, with Directions to Captain *Skelton* to get ready and join him. About one in the Afternoon he got into the Bay, when there came on board him three *Spanish* Gentlemen from the Governor of the Town, with Advice from the Commander in chief at *Ceuta*, a *Spanish* Garrison on the *Barbary* Coast, that there had been seen the Night before fourteen Ships at Anchor in the Bay of *Tetuan*, a Town about seven Miles from *Ceuta*; and the whole Squadron being now under Sail, consisting of one second Rate, three thirds, six fourths, two fifths, and two Fireships of the *English*, and five Ships of the States General, they stood over for *Ceuta* Point, with a fair Gale at West, where they lay by all Night. Early the next Morning Mr. *Killegrew* steered away for the Bay of *Tetuan*, where he found only two Ships, one at Anchor in the West Part of the Bay, the other under Sail about two Leagues Eastward of her. The latter escaping put abroad the Colours of *Algier*, but the other being imbayed, she was taken by Vice-Admiral *Almonde*, and proved to be a *French* Ship bound to *Antegoa*.

The Thoulon Squadron discovered.

The Wind shifting to the E. S. E. a small Gale, our Squadron stood over for the *Spanish* Shore, and having *Ceuta* Point W. N. W. distant about two Leagues, the Men at the Mast-head saw ten Ships to the North, lying with their Heads Eastward. Notice was given of this to Monsieur *Almonde*, who could not so soon discern them, because he was about two Leagues Southward of our Ships, and in a very little time after the whole Squadron stretch'd over for *Gibraltar* Hill, the *Mountague* being sent ahead to observe and give Notice of the Enemy's Motions. At eleven a Clock she fell astern, her Captain having discovered that four Ships were under his Lee, so that all Endeavours were used to get up with them, and about one a Clock they were not above two Miles off, when it being discerned that they ran, our Ships set their Top-gallant Sails, and crowded after them as much as possibly they could; but the *French* had the better Heels, for they were just cleaned, whereas some of ours had been seventeen Months off of the Ground.

The Thoulon Squadron escaped.

The Chase was continued till ten the next Day, and as then the Enemy were about four Leagues ahead, so were the *Dutch*, with several of the *English* Ships, near hull to astern; nor had the Admiral more than the *Duke*, *Mountague*, *Eagle*, and *Portland* near him. Notwithstanding this, Monsieur *Chateau Renault* kept on his Way, who had thirteen Ships, *viz.* six Men of War, three Fireships, a Tartane, and three Merchant Ships; and there being no Prospect of coming up with them, the Chase was given over; but between nine and ten in the Morning, the *Richmond* and *Tyger* forced one of the Merchant Ships on Shore Westward of *Tariffa*, opposite to *Tangier*, which with great Labour was got off. The Admiral lay by until it was three a Clock, and then the rest of his Squadron coming up, he bore away for *Cadiz*, but, by Reason of contrary Winds, could not reach that Place until the twenty first. From whence he dispatched away the several Convoys, namely, the *Tyger*, *Newcastle*, and *Oxford*, for *Smyrna*, commanded by Captain *Coal*; the *Portland*,

our Ships repair to Cadiz, from whence the Vice Admiral sailed away the Trade up the Strait.

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land, *Greenwich*, and *Faulcon*, to *Scanderoon*, under the Conduct of Captain *Lez*, and the *Sapphire* and *Richmond* were appointed for *Malaga* and *Alicaut*, under the Command of Capt. *Bokenham*.

Thus being done, and all things put in order for the Squadron's Return for *England*, since the *French Ships* had passed the *Streights*, the Admiral set Sail, and in thirty five Days arrived at *Plimouth*, with one second Rate, and four thirds of ours, together with the *Virgin Prize*, and *Half-Moon*, and six *Dutch Men* of War. At *Plimouth* he received Letters from the Lords of the Admiralty, by which he was informed that the *French Fleet*, after an Engagement, had obliged ours to retire, and that they hover'd about *Rye*, *Dover*, and those Parts; for which Reason he was advised to take care for the Security of his Squadron. This occasion'd his calling a Council of War, where it was determined to proceed with the Ships into *Hamaze* within *Plimouth Sound*, for it was judged they could not be otherwise safe should the *French* attempt them; for, being great Ships, they could not run in at any time of the Tide, nor were they in a Condition to put forth to Sea, until such time as they had taken in Water, Stores, and Provisions. At this Consultation there were Vice-Admiral *Killegrew*, Vice-Admiral *Almoude*, and Rear-Admiral *Evertson*, as also Sir *Cloudesty Shovell*, Rear-Admiral of the Red, who was arrived at *Plimouth* from the Coast of *Ireland*.

Vice-Admiral Killegrew arrived at Plimouth.

He is advised to remain there, the French Fleet lying in the Channel.

CHAP. IV.

An Account of the Earl of Torrington's engaging the French Fleet off of Beachy.

THE Engagement off of *Beachy*, in *Suffex*, (which happened the thirtieth of *June*) between the two Fleets commanded by the Earl of *Torrington*, and Monsieur *Tourville* being some Days before Mr. *Killegrew's* Arrival at *Plimouth*, it naturally leads me to the giving the following Account of that Action.

The Earl of *Torrington* being with the Fleet at *St. Helen's*, was not a little surprized at the Advice he received from *Weymouth*, that the *French* were entered into our Channel; for so far was he (by all the Intelligence he had received) from believing they were in that forwardness, that there were not at that time any Scouts Westward to observe and bring an Account of their Motion: But as this News was soon confirmed from many other Places, it was judged high time to muster up all the Ships within Reach, both *English* and *Dutch*, and to put them into the best Condition that might be of Defence; which being done, his Lordship sailed the twenty fourth, early in the Morning, with the Wind at E. N. E. and flood to the S. E. the *French* having been seen the Day before, by the Scouts lately sent out, on the Back of the Isle of *Wight*; and the next Day our Fleet

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The Earl of Torrington was sent to observe the French Fleet in the Channel.

He is advised to remain there, the French Fleet lying in the Channel.

being reinforced by the *Lion*, a third Rate, and several *Dutch* Ships of War, were with a N. E. Wind in Sight of the Enemy.

About four a Clock next Morning the Admiral edged towards the *French*, who were about three Leagues from him, and tho' when the Wind shifted to the S. E. and S. E. by S. he tacked and stood Eastward, yet at three in the Afternoon the whole Fleet went about, and stood Westward again. The *French* took several People from the Shore, and when they had punished them for magnifying our Strength, they were pleased to dismiss them, with a Letter to the Admiral (as I am informed) from Sir *William Jennings*, (who commanded an *English* Ship of War at the Revolution, and now served in no better a Post than that of third Captain to the *French* Admiral) by which he presumed to promise Pardon to all Captains who would adhere to the Interest of King *James*.

A farther Reinforcement arrived of seven *Dutch* Ships; with Admiral *Evertson*, and another Flag-Officer; but the two Fleets continued looking on each other, without Action, until the thirtieth; for the Admiral was not willing to engage before the Ships he expected from the East had join'd him. But notwithstanding the Enemy were so much superior in Strength, as seventy odd Sail to fifty, and that their Ships were generally larger, positive Orders were sent to him from Court to give them Battel: Whereupon the Signal was put abroad, as soon as it was light, for drawing into a Line, which being done, the whole Fleet bore down on them, while they were under Sail, by a Wind, with their Heads Northward.

Receives Orders to engage the Enemy.

An Account of the Engagement off of Beachy.

At eight in the Morning the Signal was made for Battel, when the *French* bracing their Head-Sails to the Mast, lay by; and about an Hour after the *Dutch* Squadron, which led the Van, began to engage Part of the Van of the *French*; half an Hour after which our Blue Squadron encounter'd their Rear; but the greatest Part of the Red, which were in the Center, could not engage until it was near ten; and as they were then at a considerable Distance from the Enemy, so was there a great opening between them and the *Dutch*.

It was observed that as our Ships bore down on the *French*, they lasked away, tho' probably that might be only to close their Line; and afterwards several of their Ships towed round with their Boats until they were out of Shot, insomuch that it was hoped the Advantage would have fallen on our Side; but it was not long e'er it appeared the *Dutch* had suffered very much, and chiefly by their being (for Want of a necessary Precaution) weathered and surrounded by those *French* Ships which they left ahead of them when they began to engage.

No sooner did the Admiral perceive their Condition, than he sent them Orders to come to an Anchor, and with his own Ship, and several others, driving between them and the Enemy, anchored about five in the Afternoon, at which time it was calm; but judging it not safe to renew the Fight at so great a Disadvantage, he weighed at nine at Night, and retired Eastward with the Tide of Flood.

The first of *July* in the Afternoon, he called a Council of War, where it was resolv'd to endeavour to preserve the Fleet by retreating, and rather to destroy the disabled Ships, if they should be press'd by the Enemy, than hazard another Engagement by protecting them.

Our Fleet retreats Inland, and the French pursue.

The *French* very indiscreetly pursu'd in a formal Line of Battel, whereas had they left every Ship at Liberty to do her utmost, ours would undoubtedly have been more roughly handled, especially those which were crippled in Fight; but each one thifting for her self, (as 'tis natural to do in such Cases) and Caution being had in anchoring most advantageously, with regard to the Tides, which the *French* took little or no notice of, we thereby got Ground considerably of them. However they pursued as far as *Rye Bay*, and one of the *English* Ships, called the *Anne*, of seventy Guns, was run on Shore near *Winchelsea*, having lost all her Masts, where two *French* Ships attempting to burn her, the Captain saved them that Labour, by precipitately setting fire to her himself.

The Body of the *French* Fleet stood in and out off of *Bourne* and *Pemsey* in *Suffex*, while about fourteen more lay at Anchor near the Shore, some of which attempted to destroy a *Dutch* Ship of about sixty four Guns, that lay dry at low Water in *Pemsey* Bay; but her Commander so well defended her every high Water, when they made their Attacks, that they at last thought it convenient to desist, so that this Ship was got off, and safely carried to *Holland*; but it fared not so well with three others of that Nation, which were on Shore on the said Coast, for their Officers and Men not being able to defend them, they set them on fire; so that with the three Ships destroyed by the *French* in the Action, the States General lost six of the Line of Battel.

On the eighth the *French* Fleet stood towards their own Coast, but were seen the twenty seventh following off of the *Berry* Head, a little to the Eastward of *Dartmouth*, and then, the Wind taking them short, they put into *Torbay*. There they lay not long, for they were discover'd the twenty ninth near *Plimouth*, at which Place very good Preparations were made, by Platforms and other Works, to give them a warm Reception. The fifth of *August* they appeared again off of the *Ram* Head, in number between sixty and seventy, when standing Westward, they were no more seen in the Chanel this Year.

The French repair to their own Coast.

Our Fleet retreated towards the River of *Thames*, and the Admiral going on Shore, left the chief Command to Sir *John Ashby*; but first gave Orders to Captain *Monck* of the *Phoenix*, together with four more fifth Rates, and four Fireships, to anchor above the *Narrow* of the *Middle Grounds*, and to appoint two of the Frigates to ride one at the *Buoy of the Spits*, the other at the lower End of the *Middle*, and to take away the *Buoys*, and immediately retreat, if the Enemy approached: Or if they press'd yet farther on him, he was ordered, in like manner, to take away the *Buoys* near him, and to do what Service he could against them with the Fireships; but still to retire, and make the proper Signals in such Case.

Care taken to preserve our Ships, had the Enemy come towards the River.

Several Noblemen and others appointed to examine into the Action upon Oath. The Earl of Torrington try'd at a Court-Martial, and acquitted.

This Apprehension was soon over by the Enemy's drawing off, as is beforementioned, so that the chief thing to be done, was to put the Fleet into a Condition to go to Sea again: Not but that this unlucky Accident occasioned various Reports and Conjectures, and the Dutch were very uneasy upon account of the Damage they had sustain'd, insomuch that several Persons of Quality were sent to *Sbeernefs* to examine thoroughly into the whole Matter upon Oath; and after the Earl of *Torrington* had continued Prisoner in the Tower for several Months, he was at last try'd, and unanimously acquitted by a Court-Martial, held at *Sbeernefs* the tenth of *December*, where Sir *Ralph Delavall* presided, who had acted as Vice-Admiral of the Blue in the Engagement: And, if I mistake not very much, this was the first time that ever an *English* Admiral was called to an Account in such a manner.

C H A P. V.

An Account of the joint Admirals, Sir Richard Haddock, Mr. Killegrew, and Sir John Ashby, their proceeding with the Fleet to Ireland, and Return from thence.

The Fleet put under the Command of Sir Richard Haddock, Admiral Killegrew, and Sir John Ashby.

THE Fleet being in a good Forwardness, it was put under the joint Command of Sir *Richard Haddock*, Mr. *Killegrew*, and Sir *John Ashby*. Two of those Admirals arrived in the Downs the twenty first of *August*, and sailing from thence the twenty fifth, were join'd by Mr. *Killegrew* off of *Dover* with the Ship^s he brought from the Streights, which had been confined at *Plymouth* by reason the *French* were in the Chanel, as has been before observed; and the Fleet arriving at *Spithead* the twenty eighth, the Admirals received Instructions in what manner to proceed, and to take the Ships hereafter mentioned under their Command, which were then dispersed at the several Places express'd against their Names, *viz.*

	Rates.	Ships.	Where.
The Strength of the design'd Fleet.	1	<i>Sovereign</i>	} At <i>Spithead</i> .
	2	<i>Sandwich</i>	
		<i>Coronation</i>	
		<i>Duchefs</i>	
		<i>Royal Katharine</i>	
		<i>Neptune</i>	
		<i>Duke</i>	
		<i>Offory</i>	
		<i>Captain</i>	
	3	<i>Grafton</i>	
	<i>Defiance</i>		

Rates.	Ships.	Where.	
3	<i>Elizabeth</i> <i>Berwick</i> <i>Hope</i> <i>Breda</i> <i>Edgar</i> <i>Hampton-Court</i> <i>Expedition</i> <i>Suffolk</i> <i>Sterling-Castle</i> <i>Restauration</i> <i>Lenox</i> <i>Warspight</i> <i>Cambridge</i> <i>Exeter</i> <i>Kent</i> <i>Northumberland</i> <i>Monmouth</i> <i>Essex</i> <i>Swiftsure</i> <i>Resolution</i> <i>Eagle</i> <i>Burford</i> <i>Montague</i>	} At Spithead.	
2	<i>St. Michael</i>		At Blackstokes.
3	<i>Harwich</i>		At the Nore.
3	<i>Modena</i> hir'd		In Longreach.
4	<i>Sampson</i> hir'd		At the Nore.
4	<i>Wolf</i> hir'd		In Longreach.
	<i>Charles</i> Gally		Gone to Holland.
	<i>Dragon</i>		In Longreach.
	<i>Hopewell</i>		At Deptford.
6	<i>Saudadoes.</i> <i>Salamander</i> <i>Fubs</i> Yacht.		} At Spithead.
	<i>Griffin</i>		
	<i>Cadiz</i> Merchant		
	<i>Charles</i>		
	<i>Hunter</i>		
Fireships	<i>Owner's Love</i>		
	<i>Wolf</i> <i>Vulture</i> <i>Hound</i> <i>Pelican</i>		

So that the whole Fleet, besides *Dutch*, were forty three, great and small, viz. one First Rate, eight Seconds, twenty eight Thirds, four Fourths, three Sixths, and ten Fireships, of which all but eight were joined, and they were all ordered to be victualled at *Portsmouth* as follows; the First and Second Rates to the twelfth of *October*,

tober, and the Third Rates, and under, to the twenty sixth of that Month, having at this time on board them the Earl of *Marlborough*, General of his Majesty's Forces, with upwards of five thousand Soldiers, bound to *Ireland*.

The great Ships sent about to *Chatham*.

But the Winter Season advancing, the Admirals were directed to send the great Ships to *Chatham*, which were the *Sovereign*, *Duke*, *Coronation*, *Duchess*, *Sandwich*, *Neptune*, *Ossory*, and *Royal Catharine*; so that they hoisted the Union Flag on board the *Kent*, a Ship of the Third Rate.

A Scarcity of Seamen and Provisions. The Admirals proceed and arrive in *Ireland*.

Provisions fell very short, and there was a great want of good Seamen to navigate the Ships; however the Admirals put to Sea, pursuant to the Commands they had received from the King, and arrived before *Cork* Harbour the twenty first of *September*, where they anchor'd; for the Tide of Flood being done, the Pilots would not venture in. Next Day they weighed, and in a Calm towed in towards the Harbour's Mouth, from the Larboard side, whereof several Shot were fired at them from a small Battery of eight Guns, but some of the Boats being sent on shore to attack them, the Enemy were soon forced from their Guns, which being dismounted, their Carriages were thrown into the Sea, and the Ships got in without farther Interruption.

Proceedings against *Cork*.

Next Day, between two and three in the Morning, the greatest part of the Soldiers were put into proper Vessels, which carried them up to a Place called *Passage*, and in the Afternoon the rest, together with the Marines, were landed.

The Day following, about five or six hundred Seamen, Gunners, and Carpenters were put on shore, who proved very useful in drawing up the Cannon to batter the Town; and the Powder and Shot taken out of the great Ships at *Portsmouth*, was made use of by the Army.

The City of *Cork* taken.

The twenty fifth, before Day, ten Pinnaces, were sent up with armed Men to assist in attacking the Town; and the Admirals were put in hopes by the Earl of *Marlborough*, that it would be in the Possession of the King's Troops in three or four Days, as indeed it happened, for they took it the twenty ninth.

The Fleet ordered by the King to return to the Downs, but some Ships left at *Cork* under Command of the Duke of *Grafton*. Prisoners sent from *Ireland* by the Earl of *Marlborough*.

The King now commanded the Admirals to return to the Downs with the Fleet, and to leave behind them such Ships only as were needful, who accordingly appointed seven Third Rates, one Fifth, one Sixth, the *Owner's Love* Fireship, and a Tender to each, to be under the Command of the Duke of *Grafton*, then in a Ship called by his own Title, and with the rest of the Fleet they arrived in the Downs the eighth of *October*, bringing with them, by the Earl of *Marlborough's* Desire, Colonel *Macullicot*, who was Governor of *Cork*, the Earls of *Tyrone* and *Clancarty*, Lord *Carr*, Colonel *Owen Macartny*, Lieutenant Colonel *Rycot*, Major *Macartny*, and Captain *Muffy*; and having disposed of the Fleet, according to the Lords of the Admiralty's Orders, by sending some to the *Nore* with Sir *Ralph Delavall*, and others to *Portsmouth* and *Plimouth*, the rest were left with Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* in the Downs.

His Grace the Duke of *Grafton* was unfortunately wounded at *Cork* with a Musket Ball from the Walls, when he was shewing his wonted Bravery and Zeal, by encouraging the Seamen on shore, and labouring as much as any of them at the great Guns, of which Wound after having languished some Days, he died, leaving the chief Command to Captain *Matthew Tenant*, who being blown up in the *Breda*, in *Cork* Harbour, the Conduct of the Squadron regularly fell to Captain *John Crofts* of the *Charles Gally*; and as soon as they had taken on board the General, with the Soldiers, Marines, and Prisoners, they left *Ireland*, and arrived in the *Downs* the twenty seventh of *October*.

The Duke of Grafton killed at Cork.

CHAP. VI.

Sir Cloudefly Shovell's Proceedings on the Coast of Ireland with a Squadron under his Command.

THE Expedition with that part of the Fleet which was commanded by the joint Admirals, ending, as hath been before related, it may not be improper to say something concerning the Squadron with *Sir Cloudefly Shovell*, who had been cruising in the *Soundings*, and on the Coast of *Ireland*, between the Months of *December* and *July*; and having convoy'd his Majesty from *Hylake*, was honoured (and not undeservedly) with a Commission appointing him Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

I have already said that he arrived from the Coast of *Ireland* the beginning of *July 1690*, and that he was prevented in joining the Fleet by reason the *French* were to the Eastward of him; wherefore it now remains I inform you, that his Majesty receiving Intelligence the Enemy intended to send upwards of twenty small Frigates, the biggest mounting not above thirty six Guns, into *St. George's Chanel*, to burn the Transport-Ships, commanded *Sir Cloudefly Shovell* to cruise off of *Scilly*, or in such Station as he should judge most proper, for preventing them in that Design, and to send Frigates to ply Eastward and Westward, to gain Intelligence of the Body of the *French* Fleet, that so he might be the better able to provide for his own Safety: And if he met with Vice-Admiral *Killebrew* in his Return from the *Streights*, he was to apprise him of all Circumstances, that so he might likewise take care not to be intercepted.

Sir Cloudefly Shovell's Proceedings with a Squadron in the Soundings

Pursuant to these Orders he cruised up and down in the aforesaid Station till the twenty first of *July*, without meeting any thing remarkable; when the *Dover* and *Experiment* join'd him from the Coast of *Ireland*, with a Ketch from *Kinsale*, on board of which Vessel was Colonel *Hacket*, Captain *John Hamilton*, *Archibald Cockburne*, Esq; *Anthony Thompson*, Esq; Captain *Thomas Power*,
Mr. *Wil.*

King James has an Intaking from Ireland for France.

Sir Cloudeffly Shovell ordered to proceed to Kinsale.

Duncannon Castle surrenders.

Mr. *William Sutton*, and six Servants, who were following King *James* to *France*, in order to their accompanying him in his intended Expedition to *England*. They gave an Account that he took Shipping at *Duncannon*, and sailed to *Kinsale*, but that not staying there above two Hours, he proceeded to *France*, with two *French* Frigates, which had lain ready for that purpose a considerable time, and that his Majesty carried with him the Lord *Powis*, Sir *Roger Strickland*, and Captain *Richard Trevanion*.

The twenty first of *July* Sir *Cloudeffly Shovell* received Orders to sail to *Kinsale* with the Ships under his Command, and to endeavour to intercept several *French* Frigates said to be there; but in the Execution of those Orders, when he was near the River of *Waterford*, he had notice from the Shore, that although the Town of *Kinsale* had surrender'd two or three Days before, yet upon summoning *Duncannon* Castle, they refused all Conditions offer'd to them; whereupon he let Major-General *Kirke* know that he was ready to assist him with some Frigates in attacking that Place, and the manner of doing it being agreed on, he went in with the *Experiment* and *Greyhound*, and all the Boats of the Squadron; but after the Castle had made some fire on them, they declar'd that they were ready to surrender on Terms; so that next Day, being the twenty eighth of *July*, Governor *Boark* marched out with about two hundred and fifty Men, with their Arms and Baggage, leaving forty two Guns mounted in the Castle. Here the Rear Admiral had Advice, that all the *French* Ships which had been on the Coast of *Ireland* were sail'd to *Limerick*, as also the Privateers, and Merchant Ships, in order to secure the Retreat of their Army, if they should attempt another Battel and be routed: And the Lords of the Admiralty being informed that they were gone from *Limerick* to *Galloway*, there to embark for *France*, upon a Squadron of Ships which sail'd from the former Port, and were reinforced by *Monsieur d'Amfreville*, they ordered the Admirals to send to Sir *Cloudeffly Shovell* at *Plimouth* (where he was arrived with part of his Squadron) four Third Rates, four Fourths, three Fifths, and four Fire-ships, which joined to those with him, would compose a Squadron of five Third Rates, ten Fourths, eight Fifths, and six Fire-ships; and with these he was ordered in quest of the Enemy: But other pressing Services suddenly calling for the Ships, Directions were sent to him, pursuant to the King's Commands, the eighteenth of *September*, to detach ten of them into the *Soundings* for Security of the Trade, and to repair to the *Dowry* with the Remainder.

Pursuant hereunto, he left under the Command of Captain *Carter* (who had joined him with several Ships) three Third Rates, four Fourths, and three Fifths; and being himself off of the *Blasket* Islands, lying at the North side of the Entrance into *Dingle* Bay, he got Advice that the *French* Fleet had been gone from *Galloway* about a Week, but that there still remained five Sail at that Place; whereupon he sent two Frigates thither, not thinking it proper to go in with the whole Squadron, since it is a deep Bay, and that a Number of Ships could not well get out but with an Easterly Wind.

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Those two Frigates returned to him the twenty sixth, and brought the following Account; That on the thirteenth of *September* Monsieur d'Amfreville sailed from *Galloway* with about sixty Ships and Vessels, whereof eighteen were Men of War: That they took with them only a few sick Men, besides the Earl of *Tyrconnel*, Mr. *Fitz James*, (natural Son to King *James*) *Bufflo*, late Governor of *Limerick*, and about three or four hundred *Irish*: That on the fifteenth they were joined by the *Grand Monarch*, and eleven more Capital Ships, which had been in the *Shannon* near a Week, and could not get to *Galloway*, and that having notice of our Squadron's coming, they steered away right into the Sea, and came not near the Coast of *Ireland*, although they had not any reason to apprehend Danger, considering their superior Strength.

Monsieur d'Amfreville's sailing from Galloway, and carrying Lord Tyrconnel, and others with him to France.

The tenth of *October* Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* arrived in the *Downs* with part of his Squadron, having appointed the Remainder to attend on necessary Services; and there he met with Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to proceed to *Plimouth* with all the Ships which were in a Condition for the Sea, and from that Port to take others, with which he was to cruise in the *Soundings* for Security of the Trade. Having gotten together what Ships he could, he proceeded with them to the aforesaid Port of *Plimouth*, and sailing thence the third of *December*, chased several Sail in the *Soundings*, but could not come up with them, for most of those he had with him were foul. At length the *Deptford* and *Crown* took a small *French* Man of War, of eighteen Guns and ten Patereroes, called the *Frippon*, which Ship had before fought four *Dutch* Privateers, wherein she received considerable Damage, and had thirty of her Men killed and wounded: Her Captain's Name was *St. Marca*, who, with the Lieutenant, were wounded, and her Master was killed, and fighting very obstinately, she yielded not till the *Crown* shot away her Main-mast, and boarded her.

Sir Cloudesly Shovell arrives in the Downs.

He is sent out again; and cruises for some time in the Soundings.

The Rear-Admiral having ended his Cruise, he sent some of the Ships to the Coast of *Ireland*, left others in the *Soundings*, and arrived himself in the *Downs* the middle of *January*, from whence he attended his Majesty to *Holland* in the Squadron commanded by Sir *George Rooke*.

He arrives in the Downs.

CHAP. VII.

Admiral Russell's Proceedings to and from the Soundings in Search of the French Fleet; with what happened till the Reduction of Ireland.

THE twenty third of *December* Mr. *Russel* was appointed Admiral of the Fleet, and the greatest Diligence being used in order to an early Campaign, he had Instructions to sail to such Station

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tion in the *Soundings*, or on the *French Coast*, as might be most proper, for annoying the Enemy, and protecting our Trade; but it was particularly recommended to him not to leave the *Downs* until he should be joined by twenty *Dutch Ships of War*, or at least eighteen, and that he had appointed a Squadron to look after the *French Ships at Dunkirk*, with the Commander in Chief of which Squadron he was to leave Instructions how to join the Fleet, should there be occasion for it. But here it may be observed, that although he was thus empowered to proceed, from time to time, in such manner as might best enable him to destroy the Enemy, either by Sea or Land, without expecting particular Orders, yet was it expressly provided, that if bad Weather rendered it unsafe for him to keep the Sea, he should repair to, and remain at *Torbay* till farther Order; the Consequences of which Restraint was not, I am apt to think, so thoroughly consider'd as it ought to have been.

With these Instructions he received a List of the Ships and Vessels appointed for the main Fleet, the Rates and Numbers whereof were as follows, *viz.*

Strength of
the Fleet.

Rates	Number.
1 ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	5
2 ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	11
3 ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	32
4 ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	9
5 ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	4
6 ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	3
Fireships ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	20
Hospital Ships ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	4
Sloop ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	1
Brigantine ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	1
Yacht ——— ——— ——— ——— ———	1

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Of which fifty seven were of the Line of Battel, besides the *Dutch*, whose Quota was generally five to eight.

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The Fleet ordered to the Soundings.
The Admiral ordered to send a Squadron to Gallway to intercept the French succours.

The Fleet being victualled, and indifferently well mann'd, the Admiral had Orders from the Queen, dated the seventh of *May*, to proceed into the *Soundings*, provided the *Dutch* had joined him, and that he thought it proper to venture the great Ships there at such a Season of the Year. From the *Soundings* he was to detach a considerable Number of Ships and Fireships to *Galloway*, in *Ireland*, either to prevent the *French* landing Succours there, or to destroy them, if in that Harbour; and it was left to his Discretion to lie with the Body of the Fleet in such Station, as that this Detachment might most readily join him, to prevent the ill Consequences of his being attack'd by the *French* when separated.

Altho' the Admiral thought it not advisable to venture the Fleet so early to Sea, but more especially the great Ships, yet he declar'd his Readiness to proceed, if it was her Majesty's positive Commands

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he should. He did not approve of sending any considerable Squadron to *Galloway*, because many Accidents might have hinder'd their joining the Fleet, the Consequence whercof, should the *French* get between them, he judg'd of the last Importance, and that it carried greater Weight with it than the Reduction of *Ireland* that Summer; but yet he had no Objection to the sending some Ships thither, if her Majesty was satisfied that the *French* were so backward in their Naval Preparations as that our Fleet might with Safety be thus separated.

His Reasons for not sending a Squadron to Galloway.

He was likewise unwilling (and that with good reason too) that *Dunkirk* should be left unregarded, until the uncertain Arrival of other *Dutch* Ships, "since the River's Mouth would be left open to the *French*; that the Trade and Fishery on all the Coast would be thereby exposed, and *Newcastle* not only be liable to be block'd up, but an Opportunity would be given to the Enemy of sinking Vessels at the Bar of that Harbour, so as that no Ships of Burthen would be able to float over it.

As also for not leaving Dunkirk unregarded.

Nothing was wanting but a fair Wind to enable him to sail from the *Nore*; and before he received these Orders from the Queen, he had thoughts of rendezvousing in *Torbay* until the Summer Season was somewhat more advanced: But being now commanded to repair forthwith into the Soundings, he judged *Cape Clear* the most proper Place to rendezvous at, since Frigates might be more conveniently sent from thence to *Kinsale*, for Intelligence from the Lords Justices of *Ireland*.

Cape Clear appointed the Rendezvous, and the Reason thereof.

Before I proceed, let us consider what were the Reasons which induced her Majesty to send the Admiral these Instructions. They were these; The Intelligence received from *Holland*, dated the twenty first of *April*, that the *French* King designed to send a Body of Troops from *France* to *Ireland* in near two hundred Ships, and that about a hundred and fifty of them were at *Belle Isle*, on the South Coast of the Province of *Bretagne*, the Place appointed for all of them to rendezvous at, as well as the twenty five Men of War designed their Convoy, of which five were said to be at the Isle of *Daix* from fifty to sixty Guns: And it was farther reported, that those Transports were loaden with all things necessary for the Subsistence and Cloathing of Men, with a considerable Sum of Money to pay the Army commanded by Monsieur *St. Ruth*.

Intelligence of Recruits going from France to Ireland.

Most part of the Fleet being got together, the Admiral composed a Line of Battel, an Abstract whercof follows.

The Line of Battel.

Squadron.	Division.	Rate of Ships.	Small Craft.	
		$1^{st}, 2^{d}, 3^{d}, 4^{th}$.		
Blue.	{	Vice-Admiral	1, 2, 5, 2.	{ One sixth Rate, four Frigates. Two sixth Rates, three Fireships, two Hospital Ships, one Bomb. Three Fire Ships.
		Admiral	— 0, 3, 5, 1.	
		Rear-Admiral	1, 1, 6, 1,	
		K k k 2	Squadron.	

Squadron.	Division.	Rate of Ships.	Small Craft.
		1 st , 2 ^d , 3 ^d , 4 th .	
Red.	Rear-Admiral	0, 2, 6, 1.	Three Fireships.
	Admiral	— 2, 1, 5, 2.	One fifth Rate, one sixth Rate, three Fireships, two Hospitals, one Yacht.
	Vice-Admiral	1, 2, 5, 2.	Three Fireships, and small Frigates.
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Dutch.	Of 92 Guns	— 3.	One of forty four Guns, one of sixteen, two Fire-ships.
	84 —	— 1.	
	76 —	— 2.	
	72 —	— 2.	
	70 —	— 1.	
	64 —	— 5.	
	50 —	— 3.	

So that of *English* and *Dutch* there were seventy four Ships of the Line, besides others which the *Dutch* Admiral expected, and there was some Probability, at least, would join the Fleet.

It cannot be said that the Ships were so well mann'd as could have been wish'd, tho' great care had been taken, and the Nation put to an extraordinary Expence in Tenders, and other Methods, for impressing and entertaining Men. One thing, among others, which gave no little Obstruction was, the Proclamation forbidding pressing Men from Colliers, which encouraged sick Men, as soon as they could crawl from their Quarters, to scramble up to *London*, and, for the sake of greater Wages, enter themselves on a *Newcastle* Voyage, and many of them without any regard to their being made Run, and thereby losing all they had earn'd in the publick Service. Besides, there were many Letters, even at this time, scatter'd by ill meaning Persons among the Ships, advising the Sailors to desert; so that no Remedy remain'd to cure this Disease, but recalling the afore-said Proclamation, or keeping the Men on board, when sick, and suffering them to die miserably. Many more Obstructions there were to the timely manning the Fleet, but the chiefest was the extravagant Wages given to Seamen by the Merchants, who, for lucre thereof, sculked up and down, and hid themselves, until the Ships whereto they belonged were ready to proceed to Sea, insomuch that very great Numbers, even of the best Seamen, were by this means useles to the Crown.

Interruptions
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The Admiral was acquainted on the tenth of *May* by a Principal Secretary of State, that there was reason to apprehend the *French* intended not only to send Ammunition and other Instruments of War to *Ireland*, but to transport also a considerable Number of *Irish* from thence to *Scotland*; and that therefore it was the Queen's Pleasure he should endeavour to intercept them in their Passage to *Galkway*, or to destroy them in that Harbour; for which reason her Majesty commanded him to send the Fleet to *St. Helen's*,

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or *Spithead*, and to repair himself immediately to Town and attend her, that so this, and all other Affairs relating to the Expedition, might be maturely considered of: And her Majesty concurring with him that *Dunkirk* ought not to be neglected, ordered him to take care, before the Fleet sailed, for blocking up that Port, if the *Dutch* Ships expected there did not timely arrive.

The Admiral ordered to send the Fleet to St. Melen's, and to care to Town to be advised with.

When he returned to the Fleet he had Orders to send some Ships into the *Irish* Chanel (as he himself had propos'd) to cruise upon the Coast of *Scotland*, without *Cantire*, that so they might prevent the *French* in transporting any Forces from *Ireland* to that Kingdom; and he was inform'd that Letters from *Dublin* gave an Account the Enemy were not then arrived, but that if a late Report from a *Dane* might be depended on, it was very probable they would soon be there; so that it was earnestly recommended to him to hasten to *Galloway*, and endeavour to destroy the Ships before they could unlade, and receive those Soldiers which were to embark.

He ordered to send some ships to intercept Forces from Ireland to Scotland.

This Order would have been immediately complied with, but that the Fleet could not well stir from the *Downs* until join'd by the Ships off of *Dunkirk*, for several of them were of the Line of *Battel*; but since the falling of the Tides would prevent the *French* getting out of that Port, ours were soon expected thence, and when they were arrived, the Admiral propos'd sending thither a Squadron of ten Ships, *English* and *Dutch*, such a Number being all he could well spare, so as to have the Fleet of any considerable Strength. It was his Opinion, indeed, that they would not be sufficient; and therefore he desired the Lords of the Admiralty to join others to them; and when he discours'd the *Dutch* Admiral about this Affair, he found him not willing to part with any of his Ships, for he alledged that he had positive Orders from the King not to do it until his Number was thirty six, of which no more than twenty eight (even at this time of the Year) were arrived. This put Matters under some Difficulty; and as the leaving so many Ships from the *English* Fleet would very much weaken it, so was it therefore desired that Admiral *Allemonde's* Orders might be thus far dispensed with, as to allow of his sparing a proportionable Number of *Dutch* Ships to join with ours; which might have been the rather granted, since they would have had Opportunity of returning to the Fleet as soon as *Mynheer Toll* arrived with the Squadron designed for *Dunkirk*.

The Fleet could not stir till join'd by the Ships off of Dunkirk.

The Reasons why the Dutch Admiral did not spare Ships for Dunkirk.

To this the Admiral received for answer, that the Queen had not any Advice from the King that the *Dutch* Admiral was ordered not to part with any of his Ships until he had thirty six, but that she had written to his Majesty that he would be pleas'd to send Orders to the said *Allemonde* to follow his Directions. And now the Queen commanded that the Fleet should proceed as soon as it was possible, according to her former Instructions, without staying for the Return of the *Dunkirk* Squadron; directing withal, that if the *Dutch* Admiral would appoint four or five Ships to join ours off of that Port, Orders should be left for those that were to return from thence to make the best of their way to the Fleet; but that if the said Admiral could not consent to leave such a Number of Ships, a fitting Squadron

The Queen orders the Fleet to sail as soon as possible, without staying for the Return of Dunkirk.

Squadron of ours should be detached, and Orders left that when any *Dutch* Ships arriv'd there so many *English* should repair to the Fleet: And that there might not be a want of Ships for this Service, Orders were lodg'd in the *Downs* for such *Dutch* Men of War as should arrive there, after the Fleet's sailing thence, to proceed and join ours off of *Dunkirk*; of which Admiral *Allemonde* was acquainted, that so he might leave the like Orders, least the *Dutch* Captains should scruple to obey before they had actually join'd the Fleet.

A Proposal made for detaching the *Dutch* Ships to the *Dunkirk*.

Much about this time a Proposal was made for destroying the Port of *Dunkirk*, which the Admiral was directed to communicate to the Commander in chief of the Squadron appointed to lie off of that Place, and to leave behind him two Fireships to be employ'd on that Service; but it was not thought advisable to put the Project in Practice this Summer.

The twentieth of *May* the Fleet was ready, and the Admiral intended to sail next Morning from the *Downs* to *Torbay*, and to leave Orders for Mr. *Churchill* to follow him thither, with the Squadron under his Command off of *Dunkirk*: To supply the Place of which Ships he appointed three Third Rates, two of the best sailing Fourths, and a fireship, to join with those three the *Dutch* Admiral was at length prevail'd with to leave; by which Detachment, and the three sent to *Ireland*, eight Ships of Force were taken from the *English*.

A South-West Wind prevented the Fleet's sailing as was intended; and now the Vice-Admiral of *Zealand*, and three *Dutch* Ships arriv'd; for which Reason, and that if the Wind continued as it was but one Day longer, those off of *Dunkirk*, that were relieved by others more proper, might also join the Fleet, the Admiral alter'd his Resolution of calling at *Torbay*; and the twenty second of *May* received the Queen's Orders for proceeding before *Brest*.

The Fleet ordered off of *Brest*, which alter'd the Admiral's Measures.

This broke the Measures he had propos'd to take; for he intended to have gone fifty ten Leagues off of *Brest*, from thence sixty Leagues right into the Sea, and so to have fallen in with *Cape Clear* in his Return; it being generally believed that the *French* would first come to *Belle Isle* to get Intelligence, so that in their traverse Home, our Fleet might luckily have gain'd Sight of them: Besides, the Admiral was in doubt, that if the Fleet continued off of *Brest* till Mr. *Aylmer's* Arrival with the Homeward bound *Smyrna* Ships, (a Matter which was very uncertain) the Men, by their long continuance at Sea, would fall sick; but notwithstanding these reasonable Objections, he assur'd Her Majesty that he would punctually obey Her Commands, and that tho' he wish'd for nothing so much, as the meeting with the whole *French* Force with the Ships he then had, yet he earnestly desired that no Intelligence, or Motive whatever, might prevail with Her Majesty to take any considerable Number from him.

The Fleet sail'd out of *Brest* to the *Downs*.

He sail'd the twenty third of *May* in the Morning, but being got as far Westward as *Denzey Ness*, was forc'd back to the *Downs* with a hard Gale at S. W. and soon after there came News from *Dublin*, that the *French* were arriv'd in the River *Shannon* with an hundred

dred Sail of Transports, and that the Men of War which convoyed them cruised between that River and *Galloway*; whereupon Her Majesty signify'd Her Pleasur to the Admiral, that as soon as he had left a Squadron for *Dunkirk*, agreeable to what he propos'd, he should proceed with the Fleet off of *Brest*, and send a Frigate to *Kinsale*, to learn from the Lords Justices whether the *French* were gone to *Scotland*, or where they might be found: And if, upon such Intelligence, he judg'd they might be destroy'd in *Ireland*, or prevented in going to *Scotland*, he was to send a Squadron either to the West of *Ireland*, or through *St. George's* Chanel to *Scotland*, with Orders to them to return to the Fleet when they should have done their utmost in the Performance of that Service.

Farther Orders from the Queen for the Fleet's sailing off of Breil. The Admiral ordered to send a Detachment to Ireland to destroy French ships.

It was likewise recommended to him to get the best Information he could of the Body of the *French* Fleet, and to have a particular Regard to the Service of the Trade expected from *Smyrna*, as also to order the Ships on the *Irish* Coast to return to the Fleet as soon as the Service they were employ'd on would admit thereof; and when he should find it convenient to come from before *Brest*, he was to repair to *Cap. Cher*, and to send Notice by the Way of *Kinsale* of his Arrival: But was again recommended to him to remain before *Brest*, or thereabouts, if Wind and Weather would permit, until the *Smyrna* Fleet arriv'd, and as long time after that as he should judge necessary. And although it was represent'd to him what Advantages might be taken against *Galloway* by Sea, yet Her Majesty let him know that she was not willing to have it attempted, untill such time as the Army had made those Advances which might enable them to attack it also by Land.

The Care of the Smyrna Fleet recommended to him.

There was at this time Advice that the *French* intended to come out of *Dunkirk* the next Spring-Tide, which the Admiral was desir'd to communicate to Captain *Bokenham*, who commanded the Squadron off of that Port, and, withal, to consider with the Flag-Officers the Project for burning the said Place, and to give Instructions accordingly. But how little Effect it would have had, was sufficiently shewn some Years after, when the Crown was, to little or no purpose, put to a very considerable Expence in making such an Attempt, of which I shall give a more particular Account in it's proper Place.

The first of *June* the Admiral was acquainted, that it was hop'd there would be no Occasion for sending Ships to *Scotland*, since the News of the Duke of *Berwick's* being gone thither was contradicted, the Report having been occasion'd by the Sight of several Ships off of *Slego*: He was also inform'd that Mr. *De Cardonnell*, of *Southampton*, had been assur'd by the Master and Seamen of a *French* Prize, that all their Fleet fitted out at *Brest* (except four not ready) were gone to *Belle Isle*, and that the Ships of *Rochefort* and *Thoulon* had join'd them there, as it was suppos'd fifteen Gallies from *Rochfort*, and as many more from *Havre de Grace*, had also done.

The News of the Duke of Berwick's being gone to Scotland contradicted.

Advice that the French Fleet under the Duke of Belle Isle.

This News of the *French* Fleet's being gone to *Belle Isle* gave the Admiral no little Satisfaction, for he was in hopes it might luckily occasion

occasion his meeting them; and he was of Opinion that they would naturally chuse to hazard a Battel, rather than remain at *Brest*, and expose themselves to be attempted in that Harbour; a Jealousie whereof was probably given them not only by Monsieur *du Quesne*, but by Monsieur *Genes* also, who were not long before in *England*, and one, or both, consulted about this Affair, the latter of whom some time after found an Opportunity of conveying himself to *France*, that so he might be able to communicate what he had heard at the *English* Court. There were other Reasons also to suspect that our Designs had taken Air, for several things contain'd even in the Queen's Instructions were hinted in the *Paris Gazette*.

The Admiral is informed that the French Squadron was gone back from Ireland; and therefore is advised to sail as soon as possible off of *Brest*.

Not many Days after the Admiral received Advice from Court that the *French* Squadron was certainly gone back from *Ireland*, and that, in all Probability, the Transports would get clear of that Kingdom before our Fleet could arrive; and therefore it was recommended to him to sail to *Brest*, *Belle Isle*, or some Station thereabouts; and the rather, for that the *French* Fleet's attempting our *Smyrna* Ships might prove of very ill Consequence to *England* and *Holland*. To this were added these following Reasons; that should the *French* Fleet be in *Brest* they might be block'd up there; their Trade be interrupted, and ours secured; and that if Intelligence could be gain'd they had set out any number of Ships, with Intention to interrupt our aforesaid Trade from *Smyrna*, a Squadron might be the better sent from thence in Quest of them.

Captain *Toll* was now arriv'd off of *Dunkirk* with the *Dutch* Ships, but it was judg'd the Squadron would be too weak to awe the *French* in that Port; so that a Council of War being called, it was resolv'd that they should be strengthened by four Ships, in regard Admiral *Allemonde* had now his number of thirty six, and that he was therefore willing to make a Detachment for this Service. But notwithstanding Captain *Toll* was order'd to join the *English* Ships, he lay before *Newport*, and writ to his Admiral for Directions how he should proceed, who thereupon sent a Frigate with positive Orders to him to act in conjunction with them.

The Admiral takes notice that the Queen's Orders obliged him to lie off of *Brest* till the *Smyrna* Fleet arriv'd.

The Weather continued so very tempestuous that the Fleet could not stir from the *Downs* with any manner of Safety; but that they might be the better able to do Service when at Sea, the Admiral thought it necessary to take notice a second time, that he was tied up by the Queen's Instructions to lie off of *Brest* until the *Smyrna* Fleet arriv'd, and desired that that Matter might be explain'd; because if the *French* Fleet were out, it was his Opinion they ought to be followed to *Belle Isle*, or any other Place. In Answer to this he was acquainted, that it was not intended he should be tied up by those Instructions so much as he imagin'd, though several Lords of the Privy Council had made the very same Objections, but were satisfy'd upon the Orders being read and explain'd to them.

The Weather began now to be fair, so that he determin'd to tide it away Westward, and to leave for the *Dunkirk* Squadron two *English* Ships of sixty Guns each, three of fifty, and one of fifty six, with a Fireship, and a Sloop; and of the *Dutch* five of fifty Guns,

one of fifty four, one of fifty two, one of forty, one of thirty six, one of thirty four, one of twenty six, one of twenty four, and another of twenty, making in all twenty one. Accordingly he sailed, and being on the fourteenth of *June*, six Leagues S. E. from the Isle of *Wight*, it was by a Council of War of the Flag-Officers agreed, that the Station should be eight Leagues West from *Ushant*, and that from thence some Ships should be detached to look into *Brest* for Intelligence. The nineteenth of *June*, tho' the Wind had been continually contrary, (as it was all along from the time the Fleet first arrived in the *Downs*) he got off of *Plimouth*, but by bad Weather was forced back to *Torbay*; and now he received a Letter from Mr. *Aylmer* (dated off of Cape St. Vincent) by which he judged the *Smyrna* Fleet was in *Ireland*, or at least very near the *Soundings*.

The Fleet sails a second time from the Downs.

The Weather being fair, the Admiral got under Sail the twenty second of *June*, and when he was off of *Dartmouth*, an Express came from Mr. *Greenhill*, then Naval-Agent at *Plimouth*, with Advice that the Enemy were at Sea with eighty Ships, whereupon all possible Diligence was used to get over to the *French* Coast, and on the twenty eighth (*Ushant* bearing E. S. E. nine Leagues distance) some Fishermen were taken from the Shore, who confirmed the News, and said the *French* Fleet had lain becalmed four Days off of that Island. Upon this the Flag-Officers being consulted, it was resolved to stretch over to Cape *Clear* for the Preservation of the *Turky* Fleet, and not meeting with News there, immediately to return off of *Brest*; and the Place of Rendezvous was appointed to be six Leagues West from *Scilly* with a Westerly Wind.

The Admiral receives Advice of the Smyrna Fleet, and, of the French being at Sea with eighty Sail.

There was at this time a Project on foot to join some Ships to the *Spanish Armada* (as they called their insignificant Fleet) in the *Streights*, his Catholick Majesty having offered not only to fit out ten, (such as they were) but condescended also not to expect or give Salutes, or to have the Command in chief in those Seas; so that all things were to be concerted at a Council of War, and each Nation to do the best they could for the publick Good; but tho' the King did not think fit to determine any thing in this Matter, until such time as it could be seen what Success might be had against the *French* in these Parts, yet afterwards a very considerable Part of the Naval Force of *England* and *Holland* was sent thither under the Command of Mr. *Ruffel*, at which time the *French*, with many Ships from *Brest*, and their whole *Thoulon* Squadron, were endeavouring to make their utmost Efforts in the *Mediterranean*, and had entered with their Land Forces on the Confines of *Catalonia*; which Expedition shall be particularly treated of in its proper Place.

A Council of War unanimously resolve to stand over to Cape Clear.

A Project for joining some of our Ships to act with the Spanish Armada in the Streights.

The Fleet being now at Sea, such Care was taken to preserve the *Smyrna* Trade, that single Ships were appointed to cruise for them on every proper Point of the Compass, while the main Body pass'd over to Cape *Clear*; and when the Admiral came off of *Kinsale* he found they were safely arrived there. Mr. *Aylmer*, who commanded the Squadron, was ordered to come out and join him, it being resolv'd to conduct them as far as the Islands of *Scilly*, and there to leave them

The Fleet join the Smyrna Convoy off of Kinsale.

if they had a fair Wind to proceed up the Chanel: But that they might not run the least Hazard, a Frigate was sent before to *Plimouth*, to bring the Admiral Advice, eight Leagues S. W. from *Scilly*, whether any of the Enemy's Ships were on the Coast.

He had determined upon his parting with this Trade to go off of *Ushant*, and if the *French* were gone from thence to follow them to *Belle Isle*; but being afterwards of Opinion that they lay in the Sea, purposely to avoid our Fleet, he altered his Resolutions, and resolved to go into a more proper Station in Search of them; so that parting with the *Smyrna* Ships off of *Scilly* the thirteenth of *July*, he first shaped his Course towards the *French* Coast, from whence he sent a Letter to the Secretary of State, desiring that it might be considered whether the Fleet, before its Return, could be serviceable towards the Reduction of *Ireland*, for that the Provisions would last no longer than the latter End of *August*, and after that Month was expired, he thought it not safe for the great Ships to be out of Harbour; but desired that a Supply of Provisions might be ready at *Plimouth*, that so the Want thereof might not obstruct any necessary Service.

The *Smyrna* Convoy parted with, and the Fleet proceeds off of the *French* Coast.

Sir *Cloudfly* Shovel is ordered with a Squadron to look into *Brest*.

No sooner was *Ushant* discovered from the Mast-head, than Sir *Cloudfly Shovel* was sent with a Squadron to look into *Brest*, and the Admiral himself followed at a convenient Distance. When he was about a League from *St. Matthew's Point*, he saw about forty Sail coming out of *Brest* Harbour, which proved to be small Coasting Vessels of *Bretagne*, with three Men of War, of about thirty six or forty Guns each; and one of them standing to the Leeward of him, he shot down her Main-Yard, but she putting before the Wind escaped through the Rocks called the *Chickens*, where the *French* Pilots on board our Ships did not think fit to venture. He got Intelligence that the *French* Fleet had been at Sea near forty Days; that not above a Week before a Ship of eighty Guns sailed from *Brest* to join them, and that a Water-Ship had not been long come in, which left them about forty Leagues Westward of *Ushant*, where, and up and down in the *Soundings*, it was reported they had been ever since they put forth to Sea.

And gets Intelligence of the *French* Fleet.

Sir *Cloudfly* Shovel decoys several *French* Ships by putting on *French* Colours.

Sir *Cloudfly*, to decoy the aforementioned Ships, stood in with Part of his Squadron under *French* Colours, the others having none at all; and the *French* in those Parts being informed that their Fleet had taken several *English* Ships, believed their Admiral had sent them home, so that they were coming out to meet them, imagining that our Ships which shewed *French* Colours were their own Men of War, and that those without Colours were their Prizes; but finding their Mistake, every one shifted for himself in the best manner he could. At this time the Marquis of *Carmarthen*, since Duke of *Leeds*, took with his Sloop two Men out of a Boat, who were going off, as they thought, to visit their Friends. These Men reported the *French* Fleet to be eighty four Ships of the Line of Battel, which though the Admiral thought to be almost impossible, yet, the Wind being fair, he made the best of his Way to be an Eye-Witness thereof, having ordered the Rendezvous, in case of Separation, to be

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ten Leagues S. W. from *Scilly*, and for any Ships in Distress, by bad Weather, or otherwise, *Torbay*, or *Plimouth*.

The twenty seventh of this Month of *July*, the Fleet being about thirty Leagues from *Ushant*, several Vessels were seen under Convoy of a Man of War, and two Ships supposed to be Fireships; and it was reasonable to believe by their working that they took ours for the *French* Fleet, which we endeavoured to confirm them in, by shewing White Flags and Colours; but one of our Captains being too forward in chasing, gave the Alarm, so that only three of the small Vessels fell into our Hands.

Several French Ships and Vessels seen thirty Leagues from Ushant, and some of them taken, who gave an Account of their Fleet.

This Convoy was going with fresh Provisions to their Fleet, which the Prisoners reported consisted of seventy six Sail, from an hundred to fifty Guns, and thirty Fireships; that they lay sixty Leagues West, or W. S. W. from *Ushant*, the very Place where our Fleet was at this time, though none of our Scouts had yet gotten Sight of them, which created a Belief of what the Prisoners said, that Monsieur *Tourville*, their Admiral, had Directions from the King his Master to avoid us; in order whereunto they kept their Scouts at a considerable Distance from their Fleet, on all Points of the Compass by which they could be approached, and being chased by ours, ran away and made Signals to others within them; so that it was impossible to come up with their Body, although the *English* and *Dutch* Fleets failed in such a Posture, as that the Scouts on each Wing, and those ahead and astern, could, in clear Weather, see twenty Leagues round: So difficult a Thing it is for the chief Commander of one Fleet to bring his Rival at the Head of another to an Engagement, if he seeks to avoid it, especially when, by his being in the open Sea, he hath Opportunities of so doing, and of discovering by his Scouts all the Movements he makes, or knowing what Approaches he either can, or cannot make towards him, according as the Winds may be.

No Probability of coming up with the Enemy, who industriously attended us.

The Admiral finding that all Methods for coming up with the Enemy proved ineffectual, he desired to know how he should proceed with the Fleet; for though he thought it not adviseable, while the *French* were out, to anchor in any Bay, yet he feared the continuing so long at Sea might very much endanger the Health of the Men, it having not been customary to furnish them with such Refreshments at Sea as the *French* constantly had; nor was it indeed equally in our Power so to do, by Reason of the Remoteness of our Ports.

The twenty ninth of *July* her Majesty sent Directions to the Admiral, that if the *French* Fleet, was not at Sea, or in such a Station where prudently he could attack them, he should forthwith repair to the Coast of *Ireland*, for Security of our Merchant Ships; but left him at liberty to go to *Kinsale* to refresh his Men, or to remain in such Station near that Place, where he should judge the Fleet might be most safe, and in the greatest Readiness to execute Orders.

The Fleet ordered to the Coast of Ireland, and the Reason thereof.

The chief Occasion of this Order for proceeding on the *Irish* Coast was the King's Success in that Kingdom which was so great, that His Majesty thought he might employ a considerable Part of his Army this Year on a Descent in *France*; but it was to be given out

that the Preparations were for *Flanders*. It was judg'd that this would not only give a Diversion to the Enemy, but probably induce them to venture a Battel at Sea to prevent it; so that it was thought necessary the Fleet should be on the *Irish Coast*, not only to protect such a Transport, but to assist in it too, by taking on board Soldiers which could not otherwise be embarked. But in regard the Troops could not be ready in less than three Weeks, the Admiral was advis'd not to leave the *French Coast* so as to neglect an Opportunity of fighting, which probably he would either soon have, or not at all this Summer.

Several Privateers get out of *Dunkirk* and do mischief Northward.

About this time fifteen or sixteen Privateers got out of *Dunkirk*, and ranging along the Northern Coast, under Command of Monsieur *Du Bart*, landed in *Northumberland*, where they burnt a House of the Lord *Widdrington's*, and did some other Mischief.

The Fleet having continued in the Station, sixty Leagues W. S.W. from *Ushant*, three Days longer than was determined by the Council of War, in hopes the *French* might come thither, the Admiral left the said Station the thirty first of *July*, and once more stood for *Ushant*: And that he might be the better enabled to keep the Sea, he ordered the Vessels with Beer at *Plimouth* to come to him eight Leagues West from the said Island, there being a great want thereof in the *English Ships*, and the *Dutch* had no more Provisions than what would last them to the twentieth of *August*.

The French Fleet get into *Brest*.

Our Fleet comes to *Torbay* for Provisions.

Three Days after the Admiral left the Station he ordered some Ships to chase off of *Ushant*, of which Number that commanded by the Marquis of *Carmarthen* was one, and his Lordship's Sloop being also in Company, saw upwards of a hundred Sail in *Broad Sound*, which were judged, and that rightly too, to be the *French Fleet* going to *Brest*. This being made known to the Admiral, a Council of War was called on the fifth of *August*, where it was resolved, that since the Winds hung Westerly, and that both *English* and *Dutch* wanted Water and Beer, it was absolutely necessary to sail to *Torbay* to recruit, and refresh the Men, who had been two Months at Sea, When he arrived there, the necessary Orders were given for putting every Ship into a speedy Condition for Service; but there was a great want of Men occasioned by Sickness; nor did the Supplies of Provisions answer Expectation; for the *Dutch*, with what they met there, had no more than would last them to the latter end of *September*.

Her Majesty's Orders explain'd.

The Admiral having represented to the Queen some Difficulties that arose to him, with respect to the several Services required by her Majesty's Orders, the same were explain'd; As first, that the going with the Fleet upon the *French Coast* was repeated to him, lest the Appointment of the other Services might look like a Revocation of that, and consequently an Opportunity of fighting should be thereby prevented. But that, secondly, in regard such an Opportunity might not, at that Season of the Year, be met with, the next Concern was for the Trade coming from the *West-Indies*: And that, thirdly, it was necessary some care should be taken of the Transports with the Troops from *Ireland*; which latter depending

on the hop'd-for Success at *Limerick*, it would consequently be the last Service in order of Time: But that, however, her Majesty left it to his Choice to place himself in such a Station as might most effectually answer these Ends, because, as a Seaman, he could best judge of it, and that it greatly depended upon the Intelligence he might have from *Brest*, with relation to the *French Fleet*, or from the Sea off of the Coast of *Ireland*, which probably the *West-India Ships* would first make; or from *Kinsale*, whence he might have the earliest Notice of the Transports intended for that Kingdom. But since he thought it necessary that the three-deck'd Ships should be sent home at the Expiration of this Month, her Majesty was pleas'd to approve thereof, and directed that they should be accordingly ordered to *Spithead*.

Soon after this he received a Letter from the Lords of the Admiralty, by which not only his own, but the Opinion of the Flag-Officers was desired, How long it might be convenient to keep the Fleet at Sea in a Body? How long they might be ventured at Sea, in case the *French* did not disarm their Ships, or the publick Service should require so great a Fleet? And when the great Ships could no longer keep the Sea, where they might with most Safety remain for some time before they were laid up, so as to be ready to join the rest of the Fleet in case the *French* should come upon our Coast? Hereupon a Council of War was call'd the nineteenth of *August*, where were present the Flag-Officers following; *viz.*

The Lords of the Admiralty demand how long it may be adviseable to keep the Fleet out in a Body, &c.

A Council of War called.

English.

Admiral *Russell*,
Admiral *Killegrew*,
Vice-Admiral *Asbby*,
Vice-Admiral *Delavall*,
Rear-Admiral *Rooke*,
Rear-Admiral *Shovell*.

Dutch.

Admiral *Allemonde*,
Vice-Admiral *Vandeputte*,
Vice-Admiral *Callemberg*,
Rear-Admiral *Evertson*.

Who taking the several Particulars into Consideration, determin'd that the following Answers should be made thereunto, *viz.*

1. That it was not convenient for her Majesty's Service the Fleet should continue at Sea longer than the last of *August*.
2. But if the Service did absolutely require their staying out longer, the utmost time ought to be the tenth of *September*.
3. That when the great Ships could not longer keep the Sea, the most convenient Place for them to remain at for farther Orders was *Spithead*.

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And it was also agreed that between ten and twenty Leagues W. S. W. from *Scilly* was the most proper Station for the Fleet to cruise in, so as to enable them to do Service.

Her Majesty's Pleasure signify'd upon the Result of a Council of War.

This Resolution of the Flag-Officers being communicated to the Queen in Council, her Majesty was pleas'd to let the Admiral know, that altho' she had, by former Orders, sufficiently informed him what Services she expected from the Fleet; yet since the *French* were now in *Camaret* Bay, and that probably he might have an Opportunity of attacking them there, she thought it ought not to be neglected; for that it was reasonable to believe the Attempt might be made before the Expiration of the Time the Council of War had limited for sending home the great Ships. However, her Majesty considering the Season of the Year, which was far advanced, and other Accidents at Sea, (not to be foreseen or judged of at Land) did not think fit positively to command the Fleet's returning before *Brest*, but declar'd she would be satisfied with the Resolution of a Council of War in that Matter; altho' she thought there was not any thing so desirable, or so much for the publick Interest as a Battel, could it be attempted without too great Hazard on the *French* Coast.

The Admiral takes notice that he is ordered by the Admiralty to remain in Torbay till farther Order.

The Admiral returning an Answer the twenty fourth, observed, that he had no Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to obey either the King's or her Majesty's Commands, as the Earl of *Torrington* formerly had when he commanded the Fleet; nor any Orders from their Lordships contradictory to their first Instructions, (altho' he had several times writ to them on that Subject) which directed him, on his Return to *Torbay*, to remain there till farther Orders; and that though, upon considering the Contents of the foregoing Letter from the Secretary of State, he had once resolv'd to sail, yet in regard of the Hazard, as well as the Inconveniences he might himself be expos'd to, he did not think it safe for him to carry the Fleet to Sea without particular Orders; and the Day after he dispatch'd away this Answer, he call'd a Council of War, where the Flag Officers came to the following Resolutions, in relation to the attacking the *French* Fleet in *Camaret* Bay.

A Council of War debate about attacking the *French* in *Camaret* Bay.

" That although the Enemy were there, yet considering the Scarcity of Provisions, and the bad Weather which might be expected at such a Season of the Year, it was in no wise adviseable to make any Attempt upon them.

They also adhered to their former Opinions, " That the most proper Station for the Fleet to lie in was ten or twenty Leagues W. S. W. from *Scilly*; and that the Ships ought not to continue in a Body longer than the last of this Month, unless there should be an absolute Necessity; and if so, not beyond the tenth of *September*. But it was thought necessary (if Wind and Weather would permit) to go before *Ushant*, (and not *Brest*) that so the *French* might know we were at Sea, and then forthwith to return to the aforelaid Station off of *Scilly*.

" That they were sensible a Battel might be of great Advantage to the Publick, but wished the Enemy would give an Opportu-

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“ nity for it, without putting the Fleet under a hazard of Destruction by attempting them in their Harbours, especially at the Approach of the Winter Season.

And upon considering what Squadron of Ships ought to be kept at Sea, after those with three Decks should be sent in, it was found, “ That none of those of the States General could continue out, for “ that their Provisions would last no longer than the twentieth of “ *September*, and his Majesty’s Orders required their returning by “ that time to *Holland*: So that if the Queen expected their longer “ stay, there wanted Orders from his Majesty for the same, as well “ as for their Re-victualling; for the King being Stadtholder of that “ Republick, their Admirals received all their Instructions immediately from him.

“ But altho’ it was the Opinion of the Council of War, that “ there was an absolute Necessity for a Squadron to be kept abroad, “ and that if a sufficient Quantity of Victuals could be provided, a “ Detachment of proper Ships might be made for a Month; yet “ they were cautious in advising the Number, not knowing what “ Strength the *French* would have at Sea.

The twenty fifth of *August* the Admiral received Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty, prepared in Obedience to her Majesty’s Pleasure signified at the Cabinet Council, whereby he was directed forthwith to proceed to Sea, and to lie in such a Station as he judged most proper, as well for meeting the *French* Fleet, should they come out again, as for the Security of the homeward-bound Trade, the Ships in the River *Shannon*, and the intercepting Succours from *France* to *Ireland*: But when the first and second Rates could be no longer continued abroad with Safety, he was to order them to *Spithead*, there to remain till farther Directions, and to appoint the Ships of smaller Rates, (both *English* and *Dutch*) which were in a Condition for it, to cruise until the thirtieth of *September* (if their Provisions would last so long) in the most proper Station for answering the three last Services beforementioned; which Station their Lordships were of opinion ought to be between twenty and thirty Leagues S.W. off of *Cape Clear*, though they thought fit to leave that Matter to his Determination. He was also farther directed when he came in with the great Ships, to appoint three of the *English* Flag-Officers to remain with the cruising Squadron, and to order the Senior of them, at the Expiration of his Cruise, to bring home with him the Ships of War in the *Shannon*.

The Admiralty order the Fleet to Sea, and to lie in a proper Station to meet the French Fleet, and secure the Trade.

Pursuant to these Orders the Admiral put to Sea with the very first Opportunity of a Wind, and on the thirty first of *August*, about ten in the Morning, made the Land of *Ushant*. The Fleet stood in until six that Night, and then, being but four Leagues from the Shore, tack’d, and laid it off with an easy Sail till break of Day, at which time they stood in again; and at twelve at Noon, when they were about three Leagues from the Land, there was not any thing seen like a Sail, so that the Admiral steered away for the *Lizard*, ten Leagues W. S. W. from which Place was the appointed Station.

that time.

Had the *French* inclined to a Battel, a fairer Opportunity than this could nor have been given them; for they might have had the Advantage of the Weather-Gage on their own Coast, but they contented themselves with lying safe in Port.

The Admiral of opinion the great Ships ought not to be hazarded without a present Prospect of Service

The Fleet was now in great want of Beer, which obliged the Admiral to desire that some Vessels might be sent to *Kinsale* with a Supply, that so a stop might be put to the Inconveniences and Clamour which would unavoidably attend the Men's drinking Water in the Winter; and he represented that, without a present Prospect of doing Service, the hazard so many unwieldy Ships would run in long Nights, attended with so uncertain Weather, was too great, since the Nation did not stand in need of any thing more at that time, than a Squadron strong enough to protect the homeward-bound Trade, to resist what Force the *French* would probably set forth, and to give Countenance to our Affairs in *Ireland*: All which Services were but too much interrupted by the whole Fleet's going out again; for had the three Deck'd Ships been furnished with Provisions sufficient only to have carried them to their Ports, the others might have been much sooner supply'd, and dispatched to their intended Station: Nor were his Apprehensions groundless, that the dividing our Strength at Sea might have very much exposed the whole; for had the *French* got notice that it was so intended, it was reasonable to think they would not have slip'd so promising an Opportunity of intercepting so many of the best Ships of *England* and *Holland*; for with an Easterly Wind they might have reached the *Lizard*, near to which Place those Ships would have been obliged to pass as they stood up the Chanel.

The Admiral's Objections against the great Ships staying at Spithead when ordered in.

He also objected against the great Ships going to *Spithead*, since by coming to an Anchor there, an Opportunity of Wind might thereby have been lost, for their getting timely about to *Chatham*, which would not only have encreas'd the Charge, by keeping the Men longer in Pay, but have occasioned Delay in their refitting; a Work which called for all possible Diligence and Application, since so great a Number of Capital Ships were to be docked and repaired for the next Summer's Service.

And that I may in some measure shew what hazard such great, and consequently laborious, Ships do run at such a Season of the Year, I desire you will be referred to the following Instance thereof, *viz.*

The Hazard the whole Fleet ran by a Storm in the Soundings, which forced them to bear up for Plymouth.

The Fleet being in the *Soundings* the second of *September*, a violent Storm arose, insomuch that all which could possibly be done for their Preservation was to bear up for so dangerous a Port as *Plymouth*; and what from the Continuance of the Wind, and Haziness of the Weather, the Ships were so confusedly scattered, that the greatest part of them were not seen when the Admiral himself came to an Anchor in the *Sound*: But when it grew somewhat clearer, one of the second Rates (which prov'd to be the *Coronation*) was discovered at an Anchor off of the *Ram-Head*, without any thing standing but the Ensign-staff, and foundering soon after, her Commander, Captain *Skelton*, together with her Company, ex-

capt a very inconsiderable Number, were lost. Many of the biggest Ships not being able to weather the Eastermost Point of Land at the Entrance into *Plymouth* Sound, were constrain'd to take Sanctuary there, in that Confusion which a Lee Shore, thick Weather, and a very hard Gale of Wind must unavoidably occasion; inasmuch that the *Harwich*, a third Rate, ran on shore and was bulged; the *Royal Oak* and *Northumberland*, Ships also of the third Rate, tailed on the Ground, though afterwards they were happily gotten off; a great *Dutch* Ship was seen at an Anchor above five Leagues in the Offing, with all her Masts gone, and several others very narrowly escaped the Danger of the Rock called the *Edystone*.

The Ships which were to Windward had indeed the good Fortune to carry it clear; but although it pleased God to terminate this Matter with no other Loss than is already mentioned, unless in Masts, Sails, and Rigging, which were miserably shatter'd, yet, in the Eye of common Reason, it might have proved of very fatal Consequence.

Many Objections were made, at the beginning of the War, against the Fleet's returning so late into the Sea, though at that time it consisted of no more than sixty Sail, and but one of them superior to a third Rate; and consequently a greater Hazard was now run with a Fleet of eighty Ships, twenty six whereof were of the greatest Magnitude. Nor could the *French* themselves have desired a better Game, than thus to know the Strength of *England* and *Holland* were contending with Winds and Waves while they secured themselves in Harbour.

The Admiral having given Orders for refitting such Ships within his reach as had received damage, and left Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* at *Plymouth* to see the same perform'd, put forth to Sea, and arriv'd at *St. Helen's* the eighth of *September*, but before he sailed he ordered Sir *Cloudefly* to send five Fourth, three Fifth, and two Sixth Rates to cruise in the *Soundings*, in such Numbers together, and in such Stations, as might most effectually conduce to the Security of the homeward-bound Merchant Ships, and then, with the rest of the Ships fit for the Sea, to repair to *Spithead*.

The Admiral arrives at St. Helen's, having left Sir Cloudefly Shovell to fit the Ships at Plymouth.

Soon after the Admiral received Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to send the three-deck'd Ships about to *Chatham*, grounded (as I suppose) upon the Inconveniences he had represented might attend their continuing at *Spithead*: And his Majesty signify'd his Pleasure to the *Dutch* Admiral, that he should likewise repair home with the great Ships of the States-General. But since her Majesty, during the King's Absence in *Flanders*, had ordered to Sea a Squadron of thirty Ships, and as many more as were in a Condition, to intercept Succours from *France* to *Limerick* in *Ireland*, Admiral *Allemonde* was forbid to send home any of his Squadron, under the First and Second Rate, fitting to be continued on Service, but to employ them, on this occasion, in conjunction with our Ships, without insisting on the exact Proportion.

The three-deck'd Ships ordered up to Chatham, and the great Dutch Ships sent home.

The Squadron of *English* and *Dutch* Ships being formed, the Admiral transmitted a List of their Names to the Secretary of State,

and acquainted him that they should be sent away with all possible Dispatch; but observed withal, that if the *French* arrived at *Limerick* before this Force could possibly get thither, the small Squadron which was on the Coast of that Kingdom would run the greatest hazard of being destroy'd.

Sir *Ralph Delavall*, (then Vice-Admiral of the Blue) who was appointed to command on this Service, was ordered to govern himself according to the following Instructions.

In the first Place he was to take under his Command the *English* and *Dutch* Ships, and to send such of them as were first ready to the appointed Station, between twenty and thirty Leagues S. W. of *Cape Clear*, to which Place he was to follow with the rest as soon as possibly he could.

There, or thereabouts, he was to cruise in such manner as he should think proper, for protecting the Trade, and to prevent the Town of *Limerick's* being succoured by the *French*, which it was reported they intended to attempt with twenty Ships of War under the Command of Monsieur *Chateau Renault*.

He was cautioned to have a particular regard to the Safety of those Ships which had for some time been employ'd under the Command of Captain *Thomas Coal* in the *Shannon*, and ordered to bring them thence at his Return home, if not otherwise dispos'd of by the Lords of the Admiralty.

But notwithstanding these Orders pointed at a particular Station, yet, if (from any Intelligence of the Enemy's Proceedings) he should judge it for the Service to alter the same, it was entirely left to his Discretion; and the time limited for his Cruise was the thirtieth of *September*, when he was to return to *Spithead*, and to send the several Ships to the respective Places assign'd for their being refitted at, if he received not Orders to the contrary before.

To these Instructions her Majesty in Council was pleas'd to direct the following Particulars should be added, *viz.*

1. That he should continue on the Station until the fifteenth of *October*, unless he received contradictory Orders, or heard sooner of the Surrender of *Limerick*.

2. That he should not recall the Ships from the *Shannon* without the Consent of the Lieutenant-General.

That which occasioned the forbidding his calling off the aforesaid Ships in the River *Shannon*, was a Letter from Lieutenant-General *Ginkle*, signifying his Doubts, that if those Ships were recall'd, *Limerick* could not be taken this Year; but that otherwise, he was in hopes of being Master of it in a Month. The Reasons he gave were these, That he could stay longer before the Town, having Ships to carry off the Cannon; and that, for want of such a Convenience, if he succeeded not, he should be oblig'd to leave them behind him. He was also of opinion, that the Ships would be very useful in preventing the landing Succours from *France*, and that since they were so near the Town, he did not foresee any great Danger would attend them, for that the Enemy would be cautious how they ventured with their Squadron fifty Miles up the *Shan-*

Sir Ralph Delavall ordered with a Squadron into the Soundings. His Instructions.

The British who Sir Ralph Delavall was ordered to call off the Ships from the Shannon.

non, at a time when we had a considerable Strength at Sea.

Sir *Ralph Delavall* was thrice beaten back by contrary Winds, and having attempted a fourth time to get out, he was on the sixteenth of *October* obliged to bear up for *Torbay*, where he received Orders the eighteenth to proceed fifteen Leagues S. W. from *Scilly*, with such part of the Squadron as remained; for the King had ordered five of the *Dutch* Ships from him, two of them to *Holland*, and the other three to the *Mediterranean*. At this time Sir *Ralph* was inform'd by the Master of a *French* Ship, taken by the *Dutch*, that he was ten Days before in Company of thirty *French* Ships of War, and twenty Merchant Ships, near *Belle Isle*, the latter loaden with Corn and Provisions, and that it was reported by the Master of one of these Merchant Ships, they did intend, when the Squadron got out to Sea, to divide in the manner following, *viz.* ten of the Men of War, with some of the Ships with Corn, for the *West-Indies*, other ten Men of War, and the remaining Provision Ships for *Limerick*, and the rest for the *Mediterranean*.

Sir Ralph forced back to Torbay, after he had four times attempted to sail, and then ordered into the Soundings, with part of the Squadron. He had advice of thirty French Men of War, and twenty Ships with Provisions, and where they were bound.

The Squadron put to Sea again, but the want of Provisions, (a thing which too frequently happen'd, and very much obstructed Service) and the bad Condition of the Ships soon oblig'd them to return to *Spithead*; nor were the *Dutch* willing to go to *Ireland*, as was design'd: But the *French* not attempting to relieve *Limerick*, (as it was reported, and believed they would have done) that Town soon surrender'd; which Success was follow'd by a total Reduction of a Kingdom that had proved so long troublesome to his Majesty's Affairs.

The Squadron came to Spithead for want of Provisions.

Limerick surrender'd, and a total Reduction of Ireland soon follow'd.

CHAP. VIII.

Captain Lawrence Wright sent with a Squadron of Ships to the West-Indies; with an Account of what happen'd in those Parts during the Time of his Command, and that of Captain Ralph Wren, who succeeded him.

HAVING in the foregoing Chapter attended the Motions of the Grand Fleet, and the detached Squadrons, from the time of their leaving to that of their returning to their respective Harbours; and there being nothing more of this Year's Expedition at home to treat of than what relates to the Winter-Guard, which affords little of Moment, besides what pass'd between single Ships of ours, and those of the *French*, when they happened to meet and encounter with each other, I shall not trouble you with those Matters here, but proceed to such remarkable Transactions as happened in the *West-Indies*; and I do the rather choose to mention the same in this Place, altho' the Squadron commanded by Captain *Lawrence Wright* was sent thither towards the close of the Year 1689, for that

this Year compleated the said Expedition, and that the whole will better appear together, than if I had given a distinct Account of each Year's Transactions in those Parts.

Captain Lawrence Wright appointed to command a Squadron going to the West-Indies. 1689.

His Instructions.

The twenty first of *December* the aforesaid Captain *Wright* was appointed Commander in Chief of the Squadron designed for the *West-Indies*, being one Third Rate, seven Fourths, two Fifths, two Fireships, and one Ketch. He was ordered to rendezvous with them at *Plimouth*, there to take on board a Regiment of Foot of his Grace the Duke of *Bolton's*, and that being done, to proceed to *Barbadoes*, where he was to consult with the Governor and Council how he might best secure the *English* Plantations, and recover those which might be fallen into the Hands of the *French*; but he was not to stay longer there than was absolutely necessary for refreshing the Regiment, and to take in such Men, and Provisions, as the said Governor and Council should think proper. Then he was to repair to such of the *Leeward Caribbee* Islands, as (by Intelligence of the Enemy's Proceedings, and his advising with the aforesaid Governor and Council) should be thought most for the Service: And if he saw a good Opportunity of attacking the Enemy, or their Ships, at *Martinica*, or elsewhere, in his Passage to the aforesaid Islands, it was recommended to him to make the best use thereof that possibly he could.

At the *Leeward* Islands he was to apply himself to General *Codrington*, and in all things relating to the Land-Service to act according to his Directions, and the Opinion of a Council of War, either for landing the Regiment, and attacking the *French* Colonies, recovering any of our Islands, or annoying the Enemy in any other manner. In Enterprizes at Sea, he was to act as should be advised by the Governor and Councils of War, when he had Opportunity of consulting them, and, when it was necessary, to spare as many Seamen as he could with regard to the Safety of the Ships. And that the Islands might not be exposed to Insults, he was forbid to send any Ships from the Squadron until the Governor and Council were informed thereof, and satisfied that the Service did not require their immediate Attendance.

If when he arrived among the *Leeward* Islands he found them all in the Possession of the *French*, and that it should not be judged necessary to remain there, or to attempt the Enemy in those Parts, he was, without delay, to repair to *Barbadoes*, there to consult with the Governor and Council, whether it might not be most for the Service to stay with all, or any of the Ships, or to go to other of the Plantations for their Defence; and, pursuant to what should be so agreed on, he was to proceed, and to do the best Service in his Power, till he received Orders to return to *England*. And lest the *French* should attempt any of the *Dutch* Plantations, and prevail upon them for want of timely Assistance, it was recommended to him to give them what help the Circumstances of our own Affairs, both by Sea and Land, would conveniently admit of.

Captain

Captain *Wright* failed from *Plimouth* the eighth of *March*, with a considerable Number of Merchant Ships under his Convoy; but such was the Extremity of the Weather, not long after he parted from the Land, that most of the Ships received very considerable Damage, especially in their Masts, Sails, and Rigging; and after he had beat it up and down the Sea several Days without seeing any of his Squadron, or of the Merchant Ships, he reached *Madera* the second of *April*, where he found all the Men of War, except the *Jersey*, *Guernsey*, *Quaker Ketch*, and *Richard* and *John* Fireship, and about twenty Sail of the Merchant Ships. Here he stayed to recruit, and to take in Wine for the Men, and then proceeded towards *Barbadoes*, where he came to an Anchor in *Carlisle Bay* the eleventh of *May* following, but in so sickly a Condition, that it was difficult to find a sufficient Number of healthy Men to get up his Anchors; not but that the Sick soon recovered, by the care which was taken to put them on shore, and to provide them Necessaries when there.

After much bad Weather he arrives at the Madera's. 1690.

Arrives at Barbadoes.

The twenty seventh of the same Month he failed towards the *Leeward* Islands, and arriving the thirtieth at *Antigoa*, enter'd into Consultation with General *Codrington* and the Council there (of which he was sworn a Member) what Place in the Possession of the *French* they should first attack, but could come to no Resolution therein till they had first muster'd up their Strength in the other Islands; in order whereto the Commadore failed with his Squadron the third of *June* down to *Monferrat*, where he was joined in few Days by the General from *Antigoa* with some Ships and Sloops having Troops on board, from whence they repair'd in Conjunction to *Nevis*, where having made the proper Disposition of the Forces, and put all things in a Readiness for proceeding against the Enemy, they came to a Resolution in a General Council of War, held the seventeenth, to attack *St. Christopher's*, of which the *French* had since the breaking out of the War entirely dispossessed us. Among other means agreed on for the Execution of this Design, it was resolved, That the Commadore should with five of his Squadron, and three light Sloops, first sail along Shore, not only to alarm the Enemy, but to draw them after him, which he accordingly endeavoured to do, but Day-light appear'd before they could reach *Friggot's Bay*, the Place appointed to land at; so that being discovered, they durst not then attempt it, because the Enemy were very strongly intrenched. The following Afternoon it was agreed that Sir *Timothy Thornhill*, with about five hundred Men, should land at a Place Eastward of *Friggot's Bay*, and accordingly some part of the Men were put on shore about One in the Morning, who began their March up the Hills by the Assistance of a Black Guide. Somewhat before Day they met on the West-side of the top of the Hill a Party of *French*, who were soon put to flight, and followed so closely, that our People entered with them into their Trenches, where, indeed, they made a stout Resistance for almost two Hours: But such Bravery was shewn on our side, especially by the Officer who commanded, that the *French* were beaten out of their Trenches,

Sails to the Leeward Islands;

Where General Codrington and he agree to attack St. Christopher's.

Sir Timothy Thornhill with three hundred Men landed at St. Christopher's.

and

They march
in, and attack
Basse Terre,
defeating several
Parties
of the Enemy.

and put a second time to the Run. In the Heat of this Action the rest of the Army landed, and about seven in the Morning pitched their Colours in the Enemy's Works; and being soon after drawn out, they began their March for *Basse Terre*, but having several Hills to pass over, the routed *French* posted themselves between two of them, in order to a second Encounter.

As soon as our Forces came up the Enemy fired vigorously on them, but were answered so warmly that after an Hour's Dispute they ran, nor did they appear again to impede General *Codrington* (who was now at the Head of our Men) in his March to *Basse Terre*.

The Town
and Forts a-
bandoned.

At eleven in the Morning the Squadron weighed, and failed to *Basse Terre* Road, with Intent to batter the Town and Forts, but the *French* eased them of that Trouble, for no sooner did our Ships appear than they struck their Colours, and abandoned the Place, part whereof they set on fire, and betook themselves to the Mountains. The Army consisting of about three thousand Men, (Seamen included) marched on, burning all before them, and in the Evening lodged themselves in a Plain about a Mile from the Town, near the Jesuits College.

I may not here omit taking notice of the Zeal and Bravery of the Officers and Men, but more particularly of Sir *Timothy Ithornhill*, who, though very much wounded at his first Entrance into the *French* Trenches, did nevertheless go on till they were routed, and suffered not his Wound to be dressed before he came on board the Squadron.

In this Action we had killed and wounded about one hundred and thirty Men, and Captain *Keigwin*, a Sea-Commander, who was appointed Colonel of the Marine Regiment (which consisted of about two hundred and thirty Seamen) was shot through the Thigh, of which Wound he died before he could be carried on board, and Captain *Brisbane*, who acted as first Captain to the Marines, receiving a Shot through the Body, expired the next Night on board the *Bristol*.

The General began his March the twenty fourth towards Fort *Charles*, or the *English* Fort, and it was thought necessary that the Squadron should sail to the *Old Road*, and anchor there, until such time as the Army appeared, which they did in the Evening, where encamping, they rested that Night and the next Day.

General Co-
drington
marches with
his Army to
Phlips Bay.

The twenty sixth, early in the Morning, they marched to *Phlips* Bay, and part of them encamped about three Quarters of a Mile from the Fort, some about half a Mile's Distance, and others marched up *Brimstone* Hill, an Eminence that looked into it.

The thirtieth two chace Guns were mounted, of about nine Feet long, carrying somewhat above a five Pound Shot, and the General sending the Commadore word that he should be ready next Morning to fire into the Fort, he weighed with his seven Ships, and passing by it within half Shot, fired his upper Tire of Guns, being not able to do Service with those on the lower Deck. After the Ships were all passed they plyed to Windward, and being got a second time into
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their first Order, they again failed by the Fort; but not being capable of doing any considerable Damage, they plyed again to Windward, and anchored in the Road; and in this Action the Gunner of the *Assistance* was lost, and five Men were wounded.

Fort Charles attack'd.

The chief Officers being met in Council the second of *July*, it was their Opinion that it was necessary to put nine good Guns on Shore, in order to batter the Fort, and that the Army should intrench, and endeavour to gain Ground on the Enemy. Immediately nine Twelve-Pounders were landed, and with the Help of the Seamen mounted in their Carriages, so that now all was ready but the Platform and Trenches; mean while our Guns from the Hill gauled the Fort, and battered down the Houfès; nor were the Enemy behind hand in their Endeavours to do us Mischief with their great Guns and small Arms.

A Council of War called.

Some Days after the General began his March with eight hundred Men round the Island, to bring in all the Stragglers he could meet with, and to fight any Body of *French* that should attempt to face him, the rest of the Army daily approaching nearer the Enemy by the Help of Retrenchments.

It was not long e'er the General returned, bringing with him many Negroes, and several *Frenchmen* that had quitted their Arms and surrender'd; and the twelfth in the Afternoon the Enemy sent a Flag of Truce from the Fort, desiring three Days Cessation, which being followed the next Morning with Articles of Surrender, the Fort was given up, the *French* marching out with all the Baggage they could carry, and about forty Gentlemen were allowed their Arms.

The Enemy sent a Flag of Truce, and the next Day surrender.

When our People came into the Fort, they were not a little surprized to see the Houfès so miserably shattered, by the Shot only from the Guns on the Hill, which the Enemy themselves confessed constrained them to surrender much sooner than otherwise they would have done.

The seventeenth a Council of War was called, and it was resolv'd that Sir *Timothy Thornhill* should with his Regiment be transported, in the General's Sloops to *St. Eustatia*, a neighbouring Island which the Enemy had taken from the *Dutch*, where he landed on the nineteenth without any Resistance, and the Squadron anchored there the same Evening. The twentieth the Fort desired a Parley, but no Agreement ensued, and the next Day three of the Ships of War, anchored within Shot thereof, which still held out, although very warmly ply'd from the Sea, and the four Guns on Shore. The People who defended this Fort (said to be about fourcore) behaved themselves with great Bravery, firing only towards the Land, and wholly neglecting what was done against them from the Sea; but the other Battery of two Guns being fixed the twenty third, and several Shot fired from thence, a Flag of Truce was sent from the Fort in the Afternoon, and next Morning our People marched in upon the Enemy's Surrender: Which being the only strong Place there, the rest of the Island fell of Course into our Hands.

Sir Timothy Thornhill with his Regiment sent out to St. Eustatia

The Fort of St. Eustatia surrender'd.

The twenty sixth at Night the Squadron sail'd from *St. Eustatia*, and anchored next Day at *St. Christopher's*, in a sandy Bay
Westward

The Squadron returns to St. Christopher's, and a Council of War agreed to make no more Attempts till the Men were recover'd.

Westward of *Charles Fort*, where they took on board the Guns that were mounted on Shore: But the Army being now very sickly of the Flux, a general Council was held on the third, where it was agreed not to attempt any other Place until the Men were in better Health, and that the expected Hurricanes were over; so that on the second of *August* the Squadron sail'd to the *Old Road*, and water'd, and the next Morning to *Nevis*; but the Winds shifting to the W. N. W. obliged them to depart from thence, and on the fifth they came to an Anchor off of the *Five Islands* at *Antigoa*, where they put the Soldiers on Shore, and having supplied themselves with Wood, proceeded from thence the seventh, and arrived at *Barbadoes* the thirteenth. The Commadore was fearful the Hurricanes might take him in this Road, and therefore failed the next Day about thirty Leagues Southward, the better to avoid those boisterous Winds, it being intended as soon as they were over, to attack *Guadalupe*, if all things should be found in a Condition for such an Undertaking.

The Squadron arrived at Antigoa after the Hurricanes were over.

The Hurricanes were no sooner over than the Squadron failed for the Leeward Islands, and on the sixth of *October* anchored in *Five Islands Bay* at *Antigoa*; but not finding General *Codrington* there, they proceeded to *Nevis*, and from thence to *St. Christopher's*, where they met with him.

A Resolution taken to attack *Guadalupe*.

On the eleventh a Council of War being called, it was determined to attack *Guadalupe*; in order whereunto the General went forthwith to *Nevis*, *Montserrat*, and *Antigoa*, to get the Army in Readiness that so no time might be lost in shipping them when the Squadron should come to each of those Islands; but, by Reason of the great Mortality, the whole Force would not have exceeded fifteen hundred Men, if three hundred and fifty designed for *St. Christopher's* were left there: Nevertheless they intended to carry on the Expedition, when in the midst of their Preparations, the Commadore received Orders to return to *England* with Part of his Squadron, which put an end for the present to the Design on *Guadalupe*.

The Squadron arrives in Carlisle Bay, but wanted Provisions.

The fifteenth of *December* the Squadron failed from *St. Christopher's*, and anchored the thirtieth in *Carlisle Bay* in *Barbadoes*, where they were in Hopes of finding Provisions from *England*, for there was so great a Want, that, with an equal Dividend, it would not last longer than the End of *January*; nor was there less Scarcity of Stores: And the Commadore being obliged to send the *Guernsey* and *Quaker Ketch* to *Jamaica*, the *Success* to convoy the Ships from thence to *England*, and another Ship to do the like from *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, there remained but seven, and those were in the following Condition, *viz.*

*Mary
Tiger*

Her Fore-mast sprung.
Had a Jury Main-mast.

Affiance

{ The Head of her Main-mast
shot with a 24 Pounder, and
the Ship leaky.

Bristol

<i>Bristol</i>	} Her Fore-mast sprung, and the Ship leaky.
<i>Autelope</i>	
<i>Hampshire</i>	Her Main-mast was sprung.
<i>St. Paul</i>	In like Condition.
	A Fireship.

In few Days after Captain *Wright's* Arrival in *Carlisle Bay*, he received other Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty, directing his Continuance abroad in the *West-Indies*; and on the twentieth of *January* the Victuallers arrived under Convoy of the *Jersey*, when greatest Diligence was used in the distributing to each Ship her Proportion; and the *Bristol* returning the thirty first from her Cruise off of *Martinica*, the Captain of her reported, that fifteen Days before he saw fourteen Sail of *French Men of War* enter into that Port. Upon this Captain *Wright* called a Council of the Captains, before whom Captain *Haughton* declared what he had seen, and it was instantly agreed that six of the best Merchant ships should be taken up to serve as Men of War, *viz.* one of forty Guns, two of thirty two, and three of thirty Guns each, together with a Fireship; but there was not time sufficient for fitting her. For the more expeditious victualling these Ships three Commissioners were appointed out of the Council, namely, Col. *Lillingston*, *George Andrews*, and *John Bromley* Esquires, the Governor himself disbursing what Money was necessary for purchasing the same.

The victualing Ships arrive from England.

A Council of War called upon notice that 14 French Men of War were at Martinica.

And now the Commadore reluming the Design against *Guadalupe*, he set Sail the twelfth of *February* for the *Leeward Islands*, where he arrived in few Days; but there being no good Understanding between him and General *Codrington*, there were such tedious Delays in the furnishing the Assistance necessary from thence for the intended Expedition, that it was the twenty first of *March* before they proceeded thereon; when (it having been resolved at a Council of War that *Marigalante*, another of the *French Islands*, in the Neighbourhood of *Guadalupe*, should be first attacked) the Squadron and several Sloops with Soldiers on board steered their Course for that Island, where they arriv'd the twenty seventh, and the next Day landed about nine hundred Men under the Command of Col. *Nott*, who immediately possessed themselves of the Town and Fort without any Opposition, the Enemy having abandoned them and retired into the Country; whither the Troops marching after them, in few Days they brought in the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Island, with some other Prisoners. By this time General *Codrington* was arrived there with the rest of the Troops under his Command, and our Men having ruined all the Plantations, and utterly destroyed the Country, it was agreed in a Council of War, held the tenth of *April*, to re-embark the Troops, and proceed to the Attack of *Guadalupe*. Sailing over to that Island, they landed the Army the twenty first, in a Bay on the West Side thereof, from whence (having first defeated a Body of *French*, after a warm Dispute, wherein several were killed on both Sides,) they took their March towards *Basse Terre*, where they arrived the twenty third,

Marigalante attack'd. 1691.

Guadalupe attack'd.

and burnt that Town; but there were two strong Forts in the Neighbourhood thereof, which would require some time to reduce.

The twenty sixth the Squadron proceeding according to the Motion of the Troops, came to an Anchor off of *Basse Terre*, and put ashore several Barrels of Powder, with Cartridges and Utenfils for a Siege; and the next Day upon a Proposal of the Commadore, approved by the General and Officers ashore, it was resolved, at a Consultation of the Captains of the Squadron, that the Ships should weigh and ply to Windward, and come down thence in a Line and batter the Forts. To this Purpose they accordingly weighed about two Hours before Midnight, and ply'd to Windward all Night; but the next Morning found the Current so strong against them, setting to the Northward, that they could not fetch the Place from whence they came, but in spite of all their Efforts were forced to come to an Anchor, some nine Miles, and some much farther, to Leeward.

The next Day they towed up again, and put ashore some Guns and a Mortar-Piece, with which the Troops having played on the Forts from two Batteries for several Days, but with no great Success, at length on the fourteenth of *May*, one of the Scout Ships that had been sent out to cruise in the Offing, came in with Intelligence that she had seen eleven Sail of *French* Ships, which were supposed to be Monsieur *du Cassé's* Squadron (of whose Arrival in those Parts they had heard some Days before) coming from *Martinica* to the Relief of *Guadalupe*. This Advice the Commadore communicating to General *Codrington*, it was thereupon resolved in a Council of Officers, to quit the Island, and the same Night all the Troops were embarked, but with such Precipitation that they left their Mortar-Piece behind them, with all their Utenfils for breaking Ground: And the next Morning the Squadron set Sail, and ply'd to the Eastward, with very blowing Weather. Two Days after which they saw the *French* Squadron to Windward, which they supposed had landed a Reinforcement on *Guadalupe*, and Captain *Wright* gave Chase to six Sail, among whom was a Rear-Admiral; but they being clean Ships, and his very foul, it proved to little Purpose, so that, after some Hours Chase, he bore up to the rest of his Squadron, and the next Day came to an Anchor under the Island *Marigalante*. There holding a Consultation with the Captains, they came to a Resolution that, in Consideration of a sudden malignant Distemper which began to rage among the Ships Companies and Soldiers, that the hired Ships were very weak, that a *French* Squadron was abroad, and that they were themselves in want of all manner of Stores, they should all proceed to *Barbadoes*, except the *Antelope* and *Jersey*; which were ordered to take on board the Blue Regiment, and carry them down with General *Codrington* to *Antigua*, or where else he should direct. Thither they accordingly set Sail, as the Commadore did with the rest of the Ships for *Barbadoes*; but falling sick a Day or two after, as soon as he arrived in *Carlisle Bay*, he left the Squadron, by the Advice of the Physicians, (how justifiably I shall not say) and coming to *England*, the Ships were divided,

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some to particular Services in the *West-Indies*, while the Remainder came Home, and brought with them such Trade as were ready to fail, as will be more particularly related in the following Account of *Captain Wren's* Proceedings in those Parts.

The latter End of *October* the said *Captain Ralph Wren*, who was then in the *Norwich*, had Orders to take also under his Command two other Ships of the Fourth Rate, the *Diamond* and *Mordant*, and upon arriving with them at *St. Helens*, he was to receive on board there one hundred and fifty Soldiers, Recruits for the Duke of *Bolton's* Regiment then in the *Leeward* Islands.

Capt. Wren commands the Ships in the West-Indies.

There were also other Land Forces to be carried in Transport Ships, which, with Victuallers, and the Trade, he was to convoy to *Barbadoes*, where he was to stay no longer than might be absolutely necessary for the Refreshment of the Men, but to proceed to the *Leeward* Islands. On his Arrival in the *West-Indies*, he was to take under his Command the Ships following, *viz.* the *Mary*, *Antelope*, *Assistance*, *Hampshire*, and *Jersey*, (the first being a Third, and the rest Fourth Rates) as also the *St. Paul* Fireship, one whereof he was to send to *Jamaica*, in order to her conveying the Trade from thence to *England*.

Instructions to Capt. Wren.

It was particularly recommended to him so to employ the Ships under his Command as that they might best secure our Plantations, and annoy the Enemy; and in the Spring of the Year he was ordered to return with them home.

When there might be Occasion for any Enterprize at Land, he was to govern himself as should be agreed by Colonel *Codrington*, General of the *Leeward* Islands, and a Council of War; and in Enterprizes at Sea, he was to advise with them; as he was also to do during his Stay at *Barbadoes* with the Governor and Council there; and at all such Councils of War wherein the Service of the Squadron was requir'd, he was to preside next to the Governor, and three of the eldest Captains of the Squadron were to have Votes at those Consultations.

Thus was *Captain Wren* instructed, and sailing from *Plimouth* the twelfth of *December*, he arrived the sixteenth of the next Month at *Barbadoes*; but before he came to an Anchor, received Advice by a Sloop from the Governor, that nine *French* Ships of War were sent to Leeward of the Island, and that there was among them the *Jersey*, a Fourth Rate of ours, which had been taken some time before off of *Dominica*.

Capt. Wren comes to Barbadoes.

At *Barbadoes* the Commadore was join'd by the *Antelope*, and *Mary*, and there he learn'd that the *Assistance*, *Hampshire*, and *St. Paul* Fireship, part of the Ships that were to compose his Squadron, were at the *Leeward* Islands.

The twenty third the Governor called a Council of War, where it was agreed, that as soon as the *Antelope* could be got ready all the Ships should proceed directly for *Antigua*; but presently after this a Sloop arrives, which had been sent to *Martinica* with Prisoners, and gave an Account that the *French* had eighteen Ships of War in those Parts, eight of them actually cruising off of *Barbadoes*, and

A Council of War.

the rest fitting out with all Expedition; so that on the twenty fifth, another Council was assembled, and then it was resolv'd that two Merchant Ships should be fitted, in a warlike manner, and that, with their Assistance, the Squadron should attempt the Enemy.

All things being ready, and the Soldiers put on board, the Commadore sail'd the thirtieth of *January*, and plied to Windward, having with him five Ships of War, besides the two Merchant Ships, and two Privateer Sloops.

He continued to cruise five Days, but not finding any of the Enemy's Ships, returned to *Barbadoes*, and there another Council of War was held the fifth of *February*, where it was determin'd, that since the *French* were gone off the Coast all possible Dispatch should be made in following them; so that the Squadron sail'd from *Barbadoes* the seventeenth of *February*, the Commadore having before sent two Sloops to *Martinica*, to make what Discovery they could, and then to join him at *Antigoa*.

Capt. Wren
meets with
the French
ships.

But when he came off of *Defeada*, near *Guadalupe*, he espied a considerable Number of *French* Ships, which prov'd to be eighteen Men of War, two Fireships, and about five or six small Vessels; among which there were three of our Ships which they had taken, namely the *Jersey* beforementioned, the *Constant Warwick*, and *Mary Rose*; and this Squadron was commanded by the Count *de Blanaac*.

They engage.

Captain *Wren* was oblig'd to bear down about six Leagues to Leeward, in order to join some of his Squadron, and to tow the Merchant Ships out of Danger, mean while the Enemy followed him all Night in a Line of Battel, within Gun-shot. At eight the next Morning some of our Ships had not a Breath of Wind, though at the same time the Enemy had a fresh Gale, and by that Advantage four of them bore down upon the *Mary*, which Ship defended her self very well until the Commadore himself could come to her Assistance; and at the same time the *Mordaunt*, with one of the hired Ships, namely the *England* Frigate, were warmly engaged.

The Commadore finding the great Disproportion, as to Strength, and that the Merchant Ships which were under his Care had taken the proper and usual Methods for their own Security, he wisely provided for the Safety of the Ships of War under his Command, by bearing away, but did it with so little Sail, that he secur'd the three Ships which the Enemy gave chase to, and anchored in *Carlisle Bay* at *Barbadoes* the twenty fifth.

By what has been said, the Reader may perceive what little Use the Enemy made of this Advantage, and that they contented themselves with trying an Experiment whether three of their Ships could bear one of ours, without exposing themselves to what might have attended a general Engagement between both Squadrons; for had they acted as they ought to have done our Ships could not possibly have escap'd as they did.

Captain *Wren* dying some time after, the Command of the Squadron fell, by Seniority, on Captain *Boteler*, who with part thereof sail'd from *Barbadoes* the fourteenth of *June*, according to In-

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structions from the Admiralty, and arrived in *England* the eleventh of *August* following, the rest being left to attend the Plantations.

CHAP. IX.

An Account of Admiral Russell's engaging the French Fleet off of La Hogue, and of what happened till the time of his coming on shore.

HAVING thus given an Account of Transactions abroad, I return to the Body of the Fleet, of which Mr. *Russel* was again appointed Admiral, by Commission bearing Date the third of *December* 1691. The greatest care imaginable was taken to give the quickest Dispatch to the Ships, so as that they might be early out; and on the twenty second of *April* he sent from the *Buoy of the Nore* to the *Flats of the Foreland* all Ships of the third and fourth Rate, and Fireships, as were ready, and ordered the rest to follow as soon as they should be in a Condition so to do: mean while Advice-Boats were employed to gain Intelligence of the Enemy's Preparations at *Brest*, and the Ports thereabouts.

Admiral Russell appointed a second time to command the Fleet.
1691.

Sir *Ralph Delavall* was suddenly expected from *Cadiz* with the Squadron he commanded, and it was reported that the *French* designed to endeavour to intercept him, and the *Dutch* Ships in their Passage: To prevent which, Orders were sent to him the twenty ninth of *February*, by the *Groyn* Packet-Boat, to avoid coming near *Cape St. Vincent*, and to keep so far out to Sea as not to make *Cape Clear*; but rather to sail to *Dingle Bay*, the Mouth of the *Shannon*, or some other Port in *Ireland* thereabouts, the better to shun the Danger which not only the Ships, but the Effects of the Merchants might be exposed to by meeting the *French* Squadron. Lest these Orders should not timely meet with him at *Cadiz*, there was the like Caution given by a small Vessel, which was ordered to cruise off of *Cape Clear*, or thereabouts, to look out for him, and her Commander directed to endeavour to gain Advice, and communicate to him what he should be able to learn of the Enemy's Proceedings. And if neither he, nor Sir *Ralph* himself, could get any Intelligence, he was ordered to repair with his Squadron to *Cork* or *Kinsale*; but both these Orders missing him, he had the good Fortune to arrive safe in the *Downs* the beginning of *March* following.

Notice sent to Sir Ralph Delavall to take care of the Enemy in his Passage from the Streights.

He arrives in the Downs, without meeting the said Advice.

There was likewise at Sea, under the Command of Rear-Admiral *Carter*, a Squadron of five Third Rates, six Fourths, six Fifths, one Sixth, three Fireships, and other small Vessels, with which he was ordered the fourteenth of *April* to sail to the Islands of *Jersey* and *Guernsey*, and there taking on board Pilots, to proceed to and cruise on the Coast of *France*, near *St. Malo*, for the Space of forty eight Hours,

Rear Admiral Carter on the French Coast with a Squadron.
1691.

The instructions given him.

Hours, longer than which time it was not thought convenient he should stay, unless he found an Opportunity of doing Service. From thence he was to stretch away to Cape de la Hague, and to stand as near in towards *Havre de Grace* as he could with Safety to the Ships; and if no Service could be done there, to return to *Spithead*, if it should not be found for the Security of the Islands to continue longer on the *French Coast*, in which Case the earliest Advice that possibly might be was to be sent of his Intentions. These Orders were followed by others of the twentieth and twenty third of *April*, the former directing him to repair with all speed to the *Flats of the Foreland*, (for there was now Advice received that the *French* were preparing to come to Sea) and the other requiring him, in his Return, to keep the Enemy's Coast on board, and to endeavour to join the Squadron going forth with Sir *Ralph Delavall*, but upon missing him to return to the *Downs*.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Orders, he was, on the fifth of *May* directed to cruise between Cape de la Hague and the Isle of *Wight*, and to endeavour to join the Body of the Fleet when it should arrive thereabouts; which Orders were sent to him by Sir *Ralph Delavall*, who on the twenty fourth of *April* received Directions from the Admiral to proceed to the *South Foreland*, with all the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth Rates, and Fireships, which were ready, together with the Bomb-Vessels, and then passing in sight of *Calais*, to stretch away Westward along the *French Coast* as far as Cape de la Hague, and there to send the smaller Ships as near in with the Shore as with Safety they might, to discover what the Enemy were doing at *St. Valery*, *Diepe*, and *Havre de Grace*, at which Places he was ordered to attempt any thing on their Shipping he should think practicable. When he arrived as far Westward as Cape de la Hague, he was to cross over to the Isle of *Wight*, and finding no Orders there, to return to, and range along the *French Coast* until he came off of *Dover*, where he was to call for Orders, but if he met not with any there, to repair to the *Flats of the Foreland*. The Admiral caution'd him to keep Scouts out, to prevent the Enemy's surprizing, or passing to the Eastward of him; and if they came in sight, and he judged them them too strong, he was not to engage, but to retreat to the *Flats of the Foreland*, and send immediate Advice to the Flag-Officer there; and upon meeting Rear-Admiral *Carter*, he was to take him under his Command. But notwithstanding he was thus directed to return to the *Flats of Foreland*, when he had stood over from Cape de la Hague to the Isle of *Wight*, other Orders were, upon farther Consideration, sent him the same Day by the Lords of the Admiralty, to cruise between that Cape and the Isle of *Wight*, until he should be joined by Admiral *Russel*, unless the Enemy came to Sea with a superior Strength.

The Admiral ordered to Sea with a Fleet, and to join the aforesaid Squadron.

At this very time the Admiral himself had Instructions to sail with the Body of the Fleet, both *Dutch* and *English*, and to place himself between Cape de la Hague and the Isle of *Wight*, in order to join the Squadrons with Sir *Ralph Delavall* and Rear-Admiral *Carter*;

ter; which Station was particularly appointed, upon Consideration of a Letter from him, wherein he desired that a certain Place might be fixed for the said Junction, and Orders accordingly given to all Persons concerned; though it appears by another Letter, that the Admiral was of Opinion it might have been more proper for him to anchor off of *Dengy Nesse*, or *Beachy-Head*, and when joined there by the Squadrons, to have proceeded from thence on Service. However, being sensible of what Importance it was to the Nation that the great Ships should join the others as soon as it was possible, he plied it down through the Sands with a very scanty Wind, contrary to the Opinion of many of the Officers, and all the Pilots, who were against venturing so many of the largest Ships of *England*, without a more favourable Opportunity.

He plies down through the Sands with the great Ships, contrary to the Advice of the Pilots, and arrives in Rye Bay. A Squadron sent in search of the two Squadrons.

On the eighth the Admiral arrived off of *Rye*, passing through the *Downs* without making any Stay; and in the Evening he sent to the *Dutch* Flag-Officer (who was at an Anchor in the *Downs*) to weigh, and make sail after him: And now Captain *Meesé* was dispatched with a Squadron of small Ships in search of Sir *Ralph Delavall*, carrying Orders to him to join the Fleet off of *Beachy*, or to send a Frigate with Advice where he was, that so there might be no Uncertainty of their meeting.

The ninth of *May*, about seven in the Afternoon, the *Dutch* Ships joined the Fleet from the *Downs*, and one of their Rear-Admirals, with the rest of their Ships under three Decks, was at Anchor off of *Dengy Nesse*; so that a Council of War being called, both of *English* and *Dutch* Flag-Officers, they came to the following Resolution.

That considering the Orders which had been given to Sir *Ralph Delavall*, it would be most proper to remain with the Fleet in *Rye* Bay forty eight Hours, for the more sure and speedy joining him; that a Ship should be forthwith sent off of *Beachy* in search of him, which upon discovering his Flag, should make a Signal to another Frigate stationed between *Beachy* and *Rye*, that so she might give the like Notice thereof to the Fleet. But it was farther determined, That if the Wind blew hard Westerly, or Easterly, it was in the first case most convenient for the Fleet to anchor off of the *Nesse*, and in the latter, to proceed to *St. Helen's*.

A Council of War called.

Three Days the Wind continued Easterly, but no more of the *Dutch* Ships arrived which were expected; and on the eleventh of *May* the Admiral sailing from *Rye* Bay, he was join'd at *St. Helen's* on the thirteenth by the Squadrons with Sir *Ralph Delavall* and Rear-Admiral *Carter*, who had met each other four Days before, when the former was standing over to the Isle of *Wight* from Cape *de la Hague*, and the other from *St. Helen's* in search of him. But that all Delays might be prevented, the Admiral had before dispatched a Frigate to the *French* Coast, with Orders to Rear-Admiral *Carter* to join him, and left Instructions for all *English* and *Dutch* Ships which should come into *Rye* Bay to follow him to *St. Helen's*, that so the Fleet might be entire.

The Fleet sails and is joined by Sir Ralph Delavall and Rear-Admiral Carter at St. Helen's.

A Council of War agrees to sail to the French Coast near Cape de la Hague.

The fifteenth of *May* a Council of War was call'd of the Flag-Officers, as her Majesty had commanded, and though it was unanimously agreed that the Fleet ought not to proceed Westward of *St. Helen's*, until there should be certain Advice of the Enemy; yet it was thought reasonable to sail the first fair Weather to the Coast of *France*, near the *Capes de la Hague* and *Barfleur*, and to continue there four Days, if it might conveniently be done, and then to return to *St. Helen's*, for that was judged to be, for the present, the most proper Place of Rendezvous.

I cannot omit taking notice, that much about this time Reports were spread, as if several Captains in the Fleet had given Assurance to the Disaffected Persons on shore of their Readiness to adhere to them; but her Majesty was graciously pleas'd to let the Admiral know, she could not believe that any of them were capable of such ill Designs; and that the Queen might be thoroughly satisfied with their Integrity, they unanimously sign'd to a Paper, declaring thereby their steady Zeal and Loyalty, which the Admiral, at their Request, convey'd to her Majesty: And since it is a Justice due to the Gentlemen of the Sea to publish the Contents of the said Paper, I shall here insert the same. *viz.*

The Flag Officers and Captains address her Majesty, upon account of some malicious Aspersions.

“ We your Majesty’s most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects and Servants, Flag-Officers and Captains in your Majesty’s Fleet, out of a deep and grateful Sense of your Majesty’s good and just Opinion of our Loyalty and Fidelity, imparted to us by the Right Honourable Admiral *Russel*, in a Letter to him from the Earl of *Nottingham*, Principal Secretary of State, do, in behalf of ourselves, and all the other Officers and Seamen, humbly presume to address our selves to your Majesty at this juncture, to undeceive the World, as to those false and malicious Reports which have been lately spread in Prejudice of your Majesty’s Service, by People disaffected to the Government, and who have an Aversion to the Quiet and Good of their Country, that there are some among us who are not truly zealous for, and entirely devoted to the present happy Establishment. We do therefore most humbly beg leave to add to our repeated Oaths this Assurance of our Fidelity, That we will, with all imaginable Alacrity and Resolution, venture our Lives in the Defence of the Government, and of the Religion and Liberty of our Country, against all Popish Invaders whatsoever. And that God Almighty may preserve your Majesty’s most sacred Person, direct your Councils, and prosper your Arms, by Sea and Land, against your Enemies, may all People say *Amen* with your Majesty’s most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects. Dated on board the *Britannia* at *St. Helen’s* the fifteenth Day of *May* 1692.

Having made this short Digression, let us return to the more immediate Business of the Fleet. When all the Ships, both *English* and *Dutch*, were together, the Admiral propos’d that six or eight Frigates might hover about the Coast of *Normandy*, and that at the same time the Forces intended for a Descent on *France* should embark, and be landed at *St. Malo*, while the Body of the Fleet lay Westward

Westward of that Place to protect them from the *French*: which he thought would not only contribute to our Success on shore, but oblige the Enemy to come to a Battel at Sea, rather than be bare Spectators of the Invasion of their Country.

One part of this Propositiō was immediately approved of at Court; and that Intelligence might be had of the Enemy's Proceedings, the Admiral sent six light Frigates for forty eight Hours off of *Havre de Grace*, and the *French Coast* thereabouts: And since it was entirely left to him to proceed in such manner as should be agreed at a Council of War, he failed on the eighteenth of *May* towards the Coast of *France*, and the Day after, about three in the Morning, Cape *Barfleur* bearing S.W. by S. distant about seven Leagues, the Scouts Westward of the Fleet (which were the *Chester* and *Charles Gallies*) fired several Guns, which Ships in a short time after coming within sight, made the Signal of discovering the Enemy, and lay with their Heads Northward; whereupon the Fleet was drawn into a Line of Battel, and notice given for the Rear thereof to tack, that so if the *French* stood Northward, we might the sooner come up and engage; but the Sun having dispersed the Fog soon after Four, they were seen standing Southward, forming their Line with the same Tack which our Ships had on board; upon which the Admiral caused the Signal for the Rear to Tack to be taken in, and bore away with his own Ship so far to *Leeward*, as that every one in the Fleet might fetch his Wake, or Grain, and then bringing to, he lay by with his Fore-Topfail to the Mast, that so others might have the better Opportunity of placing themselves, according as they had been before directed.

A small Squadron ordered off of Havre de Grace.

The Enemy's Fleet discovered.

About Eight our Line was indifferently well formed, which stretched from S. S. W. to N. N. E. the *Dutch* in the Van, the Admiral in the Centre, and the Blue in the Rear; and by Nine the Enemy's Van had almost stretched as far Southward as ours, their Admiral and Rear-Admiral of the Blue (who were in the Rear) closing the Line, and their Vice-Admiral of the same Division standing towards the Rear of our Fleet. About Ten they bore down upon us with little Wind, and the Admiral (who still lay by with his Fore-Topfail to the Mast) observing that Monsieur *Tourville* had put out his Signal for Battel, commanded that his should not be spread until the *French* (who had the Weather-Gage) were come as near as they thought convenient.

A particular Account of the Engagement.

At this time Admiral *Allemonde*, who commanded the *Dutch Squadron*, was sent to tack, and get Westward of the *French* as soon as any of his Ships could weather them, and those in the Blue (then at some distance astern) were order'd to close the Line; but the Fleets had not been long engaged e'er it became quite calm, so that these Directions could not possibly be complied with.

About half an Hour after Eleven Monsieur *Tourville*, in the *Royal Sun*, (a Ship of one hundred and ten Guns) brought to, and began the Fight with our Admiral, at the distance of about three quarters Musket-shot; in which Posture he lay about an hour and half, plying his Guns very warmly, but then began to tow off in great Dis-

order, his Rigging, Sails, and Topfail-Yards being very much wounded; nor could it be discerned that any great Endeavours were used to repair the same.

Near Two a Clock the Wind shifted to the N. W. by W. and in a little time five Ships of the Enemy's posted themselves three ahead and two astern of their Admiral, and fired very smartly until it was past three; so that Mr. *Ruffel* and his two Seconds (Mr. *Churchill* and Mr. *Aylmer*) had six or seven Ships to deal with. About Four a Clock there was a thick Fog, insomuch that not a Ship of the Enemy's could be seen, whereupon all firing ceas'd; but it clearing up in a little time, the *French* Admiral was discovered towing away Northward, and our Chief, that he might the better come up with him, ordered all the Ships of his Division to do the like; and there happening a small Breeze of Wind Easterly, about half an Hour after Five, the Signal was made for chasing, and Notice sent to every Ship within reach that the Eemy were standing away.

At this time many Guns were heard to the Westward, and tho' the Ships which fired could not be seen by reason of the Fog, it was concluded they were our Blue Squadron, which had, by a shift of Wind, weather'd the *French*; but it proved to be the Rear-Admiral of the Red (Sir *Cloudesty Shovell*) who was gotten to Windward of Monsieur *Tourville's* own Squadron, and between him and their Admiral of the Blue. After they had fired some time, the Ships of both sides came to Anchor, but could not discover each other by reason of the Thickness of the Weather; and in this Scuffle Captain *Hastings*, who commanded the *Sandwich*, a second Rate, was killed, who could not avoid driving amidst these Ships of the Enemy, by reason his Anchors were not clear.

Things being now in great Confusion, the Admiral thought it most adviseable to order the Ships which were nearest him to chase Westward all Night, and let them know he intended to follow the *French* to *Brest*, believing it more proper so to do than to Anchor; and so indeed it proved; for next Morning he found himself nearer the Enemy than those Ships which had dropp'd their Anchors.

About Eight at Night there was Firing heard Westward, which lasted about half an Hour, part of our Blue Squadron having fallen in with some of the Enemy's Ships in the Fog; and in that Dispute Rear-Admiral *Carter* was killed, whose last Words to his Captain (Captain *William Wright*) sufficiently shewed that there was no reason to suspect his Zeal to the Service, for he recommended it to him to fight the Ship as long as she could swim.

It continued foggy, with very little Wind, all Night, and so hazey was it in the Morning, that not any Ships of the Enemy's, and but very few of ours, could be seen; but the Weather clearing up about Eight, the *Dutch*, who were to the Southward, made the Signal of seeing the *French* Fleet, and soon after about thirty four Sail were discovered between two and three Leagues off, the Wind being then at E. N. E. and they bearing W. S. W. our Ships chased them with all the Sail which could be made, but not in the Line of Battel, as they did after the *Beachy* Fight; for the Signal for a Line was taken

in, that so every Ship might make the best of her way. Between Eleven and Twelve the Wind veer'd to the S.W. when the *French* crouded away Westward, and we after them; but near Four in the Afternoon the Tide of Ebb being done, both Fleets anchor'd, Cape *Barfleur* then bearing S. by W. but they weigh'd about Ten at Night, and both plying Westward, our Admiral's Fore-Topmast came by the Board near Twelve, it having been shot in several Places.

He continued chafing until Four next Morning, and then, the Tide of Ebb being done, anchor'd in forty six Fathom, Cape *de la Hague* bearing S. by W. and the Island of *Alderney* S. S.W. but by reason of his wanting a Topmast, the *Dutch* Squadron, and the Admiral of the Blue, with several of his Ships, got considerably to Windward of him.

About seven in the Morning part of the *French* Ships, which had advanced far towards the *Race of Alderney*, were perceived driving Eastward with the Tide of Flood, without Ground-Tackle to ride by, for they had in the Engagement, and the Morning after, cut away all their heavy Anchors. When they were driven so far, as that our Admiral judg'd he could reach them, he made the Signal for the Ships nearest to him to cut and chase, which accordingly himself and they did; but Sir *John Ashby*, with his Division of the Blue Squadron, and several *Dutch* Ships who were Weathermost, rid fast (as Mr. *Ruffel* had made the Sign for them to do) to observe the Motion of the rest of the *French* Ships which continued at an Anchor in the *Race*.

Several French Ships near the Race are pursued.

The Dutch Admiral and Sir John Ashby ordered to look after them which rid fast.

Three of their great Ships being under the Shore, tacked about eleven a Clock and stood Westward, but after making two or three short Boards, the biggest of them (being the *Royal Sun*) ran on Ground, and presently her Masts were cut away; mean while the other two to Leeward (which were the *French* Admiral's Seconds) ply'd up to her. This it was judg'd they did because they could not get to Windward of the Weathermost Ships, nor stretch out ahead Eastward. The Admiral observing that many Ships of our Fleet hover'd about them, sent Orders to Sir *Ralph Delavall*, Vice-Admiral of the Red, who was in the Rear, to keep a Strength with him sufficient to destroy them, and to order the rest to follow the Body of the Fleet; which Service was effectually performed.

The Royal Sun, and two more of their biggest Ships burns at Cherbourg.

About Four in the Afternoon eighteen of the *French* Ships which were gotten Eastward of Cape *Barfleur*, haled in for *La Hogue*, where our Ships anchor'd about Ten at Night, and lay until near Four the next Morning, at which time the Admiral weigh'd and stood in near to the Land. The Flood coming on, he anchor'd again; but at Two in the Afternoon got under sail, and plied close in with *La Hogue*, where he found thirteen of the Enemy's Ships very near the Shore.

On *Monday* the twenty third of *May* he sent in Sir *George Rooke*, then Vice Admiral of the Blue, with a Squadron, Fireships, and the Boats of the Fleet, to destroy those Ships; but they had got them so far in, that not any but the small Frigates could advance near enough for Service: However the Boats burnt six of them that

Night,

Many more of
the French
Ships of War
burnt at La
Hogue.

Night, and about Eight the next Morning the other seven were set on fire, together with several Transport Ships, and some small Vessels with Ammunition, wherein not only all the Officers, (among whom the then Lord *Carmarthen* signalized himself) but the Men behaved themselves with great Resolution and Gallantry. Thus at *La Hogue* and *Cherbourg* were burnt two Ships of one hundred and four Guns each, one of ninety, two of eighty, four of seventy six, four of sixty, and two of fifty six Guns, from which time, to that when Peace was concluded, in the Year 1697, the *French* did not attempt to fight us at Sea, but contented themselves to prejudice our Trade by their smaller Ships of War and Privateers.

The French
Ships escape
the Dutch
Admiral and
Sir John Ath-
by, who join
the Fleet.

This Service being over, the Admiral sailed out of *La Hogue* Bay the twenty fifth, and ordered Sir *John Ashby* (who was returned without doing any Execution on the other part of the Enemy's Fleet) to run with a Squadron of *English* and *Dutch* along the *French* Coast as far as *Havre de Grace*, and to look out for those five Ships which he said he had seen standing Eastward; but even in this he had no better Success than before.

Remarks upon
the Resolution
of the French
in bearing
down to en-
gage.

The Resolution with which the *French* bore down upon our Fleet was not a little surprizing; for they were not above fifty Ships, from one hundred and four to fifty six Guns; and I am apt to think it occasioned at first some Jealousy among us: But, if so, it was soon blown over, for every one endeavoured to do what he was able. As for Monsieur *Tourville's* running this Hazard, I can attribute it to no other Reason than the positive Orders he had from his Master to fight the *English* Fleet, which, had he thought fit, he might have avoided, even after we saw each other, for he was several Leagues to Windward: And, as I am credibly informed, when he called his Flag-Officers together, they did unanimously give their Opinions not to engage, but that he at last produced an Order under the *French* King's own Hand, which shewed them the Necessity there was for their so doing.

Doubtless these Orders were given him upon a Presumption that our great Ships, and the *Dutch*, could not possibly join Sir *Ralph Delavall* and Rear-Admiral *Carter's* Squadrons (then cruising on their Coast) before he might have had an Opportunity of coming up with them: And, in truth, had not Mr. *Russel* sailed from the River even at the very time he did, contrary to the Opinion of the Pilots, (as I have already observed) the Winds which afterwards happened would have prevented his coming timely to their Assistance; so that the Enemy might, in all Probability, have had equal, if not greater Success than we had over them: Not but that the *French* Court (by what means I know not) had such early Notice of the Junction of our Fleet, or at least of the sailing of our great Ships, that I could almost venture to affirm the Vessel which Captain *Wivell* took off of Cape *Barfleur*, had Orders from the King for Monsieur *Tourville*, contradicting those positive Directions he had received for Fighting; but the Master of the Vessel threw the Packet into the Sea when he found himself in danger of being taken.

To this may be added, that Providence concern'd itself for the Safety of the two Squadrons beforemention'd; for several Days before the great Ships join'd them, the *French* Fleet was got as far into the Chanel as off of *Plimouth*, but were forced into the Sea by a strong Easterly Wind; so that as they were thus prevented in their well-laid Design, they were a second time interrupted therein by the Conjunction of our Fleet: And had they met with Success, the Forces which lay ready at *La Hogue*, and the adjacent Places, would not have been long out of our Country; though if, when there, they had behaved themselves no better than in the Defence of their Ships when burnt, there would not have been much Mischief done; for notwithstanding their Numbers, and the Opportunity they had of making Resistance, the whole Service was performed with the Loss of no more than ten Men, besides those who were accidentally blown up in one of our Long-Boats.

The beating the French Fleet prevented their Descent on England.

And here it may be observed, without Vanity, that although the Confederate Fleet was considerably stronger than theirs, yet were they beaten by an inferior Number: For, by reason of the Calm, and the Thicknes of the Weather, it was not possible for many of the *Dutch* Ships, or of the Blue Squadron to engage; whereas had we been favoured with clear Weather, and a Gale of Wind, it is very probable that not so much as one of the *French* Ships would have escaped.

The Enemy beaten by a less Number of Ships.

Possibly they, foreseeing this, might in some measure be daunted, and that it occasioned their Retreat sooner than otherwise they would have done; but considering with what Deliberation they bore down, and how warmly they ply'd our Ships, there was little Reason to believe the Strength they discovered balk'd their Resolution, since they had their Master's positive Commands to engage.

Having thus given an Account of the Battel, and of what Success the Admiral himself had against the Ships he chased, I cannot proceed without lamenting the Escape of those which the *Dutch*, and our Admiral of the Blue were left to look after. I shall not lay the Want of Judgment, Diligence, or ought else to any one's Charge; but since so fair an Opportunity offer'd itself for destroying the most considerable Part of the *French* King's Navy, such ill Success in that Affair was the greatest Misfortune to us; for had a happy Push been made, the maritime Power of *France* could not in this Age, whatever it might in the next, have given *England* any great Disturbance.

Observations upon the Enemy's escaping the Dutch Admiral and Sir John Ashby.

But since all Hopes of meeting them were groundless, the Admiral resolv'd to repair with the Fleet to *St. Helen's*, and that Determination was happily put in Execution; for such was the sudden Extremity of Weather, that had the Fleet kept out at Sea they must have been expos'd to very great Danger, especially those Ships which in the Battel had received Damage in their Masts. But before he left the *French* Coast, he order'd *Sir John Ashby* with twelve *English* Ships of War, and three Fireships, in Conjunction with as many *Dutch*, commanded by Vice-Admiral *Calleberg*, to proceed off of *Havre de Grace*, and endeavour to destroy several *French* Ships

The Fleet comes to St. Helen's, and thereby escape very bad Weather.

Sir John Ashby sent to destroy some Ships off of Havre, but they were harbour'd.

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said to be in those Parts, which it was found had harboured themselves before they arrived.

The Admiral proposed to make the intended Descent at this time.

The Court of *France* being now in no little Consternation, the Admiral thought it the most proper time for making the intended Descent on their Coast; for although not only King *James* himself, but the *French* also had great Numbers of Men encamped at *la Hogue* and the adjacent Places, yet the little or no Interruption they gave us in destroying their Ships, would incline any one to believe that a Body of Regular Troops might have made a very considerable Progress into their Country. Mean while all possible Diligence was used in the re-fitting the Fleet, and although the *French*, had they at first been joined, would have been near ninety Ships, from one hundred and four to fifty Guns, yet considering what part of them were destroy'd, seventy *English* and *Dutch* of the Line of Battel were now thought sufficient for any Service the remaining Part of this Year; for although it was probable that the Enemy might come out again, and make a Flourish, yet was there no great Reason to believe they would expose themselves to a second Danger in one Summer.

Orders sent for embarking the French Forces as soon as their Fleet came into the Channel.

Very fortunate it was for *England* that our Fleet did so happily join; for no sooner had Monsieur *Tourville* sent an Express of his being on the *French* Coast, than Orders were dispatched for the Army's embarking, which might have been done, and the Troops safely waded over to *England*; for as their Strength was much superior to the Squadrons with Sir *Ralph Delavall* and Rear-Admiral *Carter*, so could they have run no great Hazard from our Capital Ships, in regard they must unavoidably have remain'd Wind-bound in the River, had they not failed from thence the very Moment they did; or at least the Enemy might have hindered their joining the others. But the valuable Service of this great Man who effectually defeated the Enemy's Designs (for which he was most graciously, and in the most obliging Manner, thanked both by the King and Queen) was so far from screening him from Envy, that it occasioned several Articles of Accusation against him, but the Enquiry thereinto ended very much to his Honour and Reputation.

The Admiral gets Advice of the Enemy's Ships got into St. Malo.

The Fleet sails to prevent their getting into Brest.

The twelfth of *June* in the Afternoon there came into the Fleet a Ketch from *Dartmouth*, which met with a Privateer called the *Cloudesty Gally*, and had three Men put on board her taken by the said Gally out of a *French* Snow. This Vessel was sent out to gain Intelligence, and then immediately to return to such Port in *France* as she could first reach, and send an Account thereof by Express to *St. Malo*, her Master said that there were at that Port the Vice-Admiral of the Blue, and twenty five Ships of War more, great and small, including Fireships; that they had pretty well repair'd the Damages received in Fight, and watched an Opportunity to get from thence to *Brest*. Hereupon the Admiral sailed from *St. Helen's* the fourteenth of *June* with such Part of the Fleet as were in the best Condition, and ordered Sir *Cloudesty Shovell* to follow with the Remainder. His Design being to keep to the Westward of *St. Malo*, and, if possible, to intercept those Ships in their Passage from thence to *Brest*, or, when he came to a proper Station, to consult with
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the Flag-Officers what might be attempted against them at the former Place; and on the twenty first he received Advice that all the Transport Ships were ordered to *Portsmouth*, where it was intended our Forces should embark.

He was of Opinion that the *French* Ships might get out of *St. Malo* and go North about, if they would venture on so dangerous a Navigation, unless he could anchor, and ride in Safety before that Port, which he determined to inform himself of from the Pilots: But even if this could be done, he was apprehensive it might occasion their drawing all their Forces to the Succour of the Place, and of their Ships, and that thereby our Attempt, both by Sea and Land, would be rendered more uncertain.

The twenty fifth of *June* a Council of War was called in *Torbay* of all the *English* and *Dutch* Flags, occasioned by the Advice the Admiral had received that all our Troops were ordered to *Portsmouth*, and that her Majesty would not give any Directions for the Disposal of them, until the Flags, and General Officers of the Army had consulted, and transmitted to Her their Opinion. This Council of War took into Consideration how the Fleet could soonest, and with most Certainty join the Transport Ships, that so it might be then debated how to attempt the Enemy at *St. Malo*; and it was thought most adviseable that a considerable Part of the Fleet should be appointed to lie about fifteen or twenty Leagues North from the Isle of *Bas* for intercepting the *French* Ships should they attempt to push towards *Brest* from that Port, and that the Remainder should forthwith proceed to *Spithead*, and join the Transports: But it was farther resolved, that if the Winds happened to hang Westerly, the whole Fleet should repair to *Spithead*, or if Easterly, continue in *Torbay* in Expectation of the said Transport Ships.

A Council of War called, in relation to the Land Forces.

The Eastern Parts of *France* were at this time in great want of Necessaries for Life, as Salt, Wine, Brandy, and other Commodities, which our Cruisers prevented their transporting from one Place to another; for some Ships sent to cruise off of the *Fourn Head* burnt a great Flyboat of about four hundred Tuns, loaden with Provisions, nor could they have mis'd of taking or destroying many more, under Convoy of two Men of War, had they not precipitately harboured themselves in some little Places where they could not be attempted.

The Fleet being now at Sea, the Wind came up at N. N. W. and blew for a considerable time so very hard, that it drove them near twenty Leagues West of *Ushant*, insomuch that several of the Ships received Damage in their Masts and Rigging. This Accident served as another Argument that the great Ships, and such Numbers of them too, should not be ventured at Sea but where they might have Room to drive 48 Hours any Way, or let go an Anchor and ride; for six Hours with a Shift of Wind makes either Side of the Chanel a Lee Shore; and had not the Admiral luckily brought to early in the Morning, it is likely a melancholy Account would have been given of the Fleet. However, this storm being over, he safely arrived in the Road of the Island of *Guernsey* the third of *July*, where

The Fleet exposed in a Storm near Ushant.

The Admiral arrives in Guernicy Road.

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he was constrain'd to anchor, for the Weather being thick, the Pilots, (whole Judgment there was Reason to suspect) would not venture over to *St. Malo*; but that which gave the Admiral the greatest Uneasiness was the Account he received from two Captains, who had long us'd that Trade, that there was not good Ground for more than forty Ships to ride; so that calling a Council of War, to consider whether it might be most proper for the whole Fleet to go over or to send a Detachment to view the Place, they came to the following Resolution, *viz.* "That part of the Fleet should proceed off of *St. Malo*, to inform themselves whether the whole, or what Number of Ships might ride there;" and accordingly Vice-Admiral *Rooke* was sent, in Company of Vice-Admiral *Callemberg*, who commanded the *Dutch* Detachment.

Part of the Fleet sent to observe how many Ships might ride off of *St. Malo*.

Our Court was at this time under great Uneasiness lest the *French* Ships should get from *St. Malo* to *Brest*, and therefore her Majesty was very intent upon having them attack'd; but although eight Days were advanced in *July*, the Transport Ships were not arriv'd at *Portsmouth* from the River; and since the *French* might meet with many Opportunities of getting out, the Admiral was of Opinion that the most probable way to intercept them was by the Fleet's riding in *Camaret* Bay, at the Entrance of *Brest*, if it could certainly be depended on that they were design'd to that Port.

Delay made in the Transports coming to *Portsmouth*.

The Fleet was forced by bad Weather to *Torbay*, where the Admiral impatiently expected the Return of Sir *George Rooke*; and the rather, for that the late Winds gave him some Apprehensions of him, especially when he considered how dangerous that Coast was to which he was gone. Nor did he think himself under a little Streight, since when the Fleet and Army were joined, a Resolution was then to be taken what should be done; whereas it would have been much more for the Service, had somewhat been determined in that Matter before the Junction; since if the Forces were obliged to keep the Sea until the Place for Action was resolv'd upon, bad Weather might have expos'd them to Hardships, and consequently render'd them of but little Service on shore: And as for *St. Malo*, it was reasonable to believe that half the Number of Men a Month before would have performed more than the whole Body which was now intended; for as the Encmy's Fears were greater, so, doubtless, were their Preparations for Safety carried on with all possible Industry.

The Fleet forced to *Torbay*.

The Admiral was under some Uneasiness that it was not determin'd what to attempt with the Force.

The thirteenth of *July* Sir *George Rooke* return'd from *St. Malo*, who (besides the Report he made of the several Soundings near that Place) gave the Admiral his Opinion, and Observations of the Coast thereabouts, which may not be improper to insert in his own Words, *viz.*

Sir *George Rooke* returns from *St. Malo*, and gives an Account of the adjacent Coast.

1. "The Ground is flat and even from *Guernsey* to *Cape Frebelle*, shoaling a Fathom or two every two or three Miles all the Way over to the Cape: And it is also generally very rough, and in some Places rocky, especially near *Sesembre*.

2. "The Tides run very quick in the Offing on the Coast of *St. Malo's*; but to the Eastward of *Cape Frebelle*, within three

“ or four Miles of the Shore, not above two and a half, or three Knots, at Spring Tides.

3. “ There are some sandy Bays between Cape *Frehelle* and St. *Malo's*, but not very commodious for putting Men on Shore, because the Land rises in most Places quick from the Strand; besides the River of *Dinant* (or the *Rance*) must be passed before they can come to St. *Malo*.

4. “ There are about thirty five or thirty six Sail of Ships rigg'd, of which twelve lay in the *Rance*, and of them four or five great Ships, the rest being up at *Salidore*.

5. “ Not one of the Pilots would undertake to carry in any Ship of War, or Fireship, to make any Attempt on the *French* Ships at St. *Malo*, though I offered an hundred Pound Encouragement to each Man.

July 13. 1692.

G. Rooke.

Upon this a Council of War was called, and, as it was agreed, the Fleet sailed from *Torbay* the fifteenth, but Care was taken the Day before to place Ships on the Coast of *France* in the manner following. Captain *Nevil*, in the *Kent*, was sent with thirty *English* and *Dutch*, ten Leagues North from the West End of the Isle of *Bas*: The *Adventure* and *Saudadoes* were ordered to lie between *Brebac* and the *Seven Islands*; the *James* Galley and *Greyhound* between the *Seven Islands* and *le Bas*; two *Dutch* Frigates between that and the *Fourne*; and all these small Frigates, as well as those with Captain *Nevil* were ordered to lie close in with the Shore. This the Admiral judged would more effectually impede the Passage of any thing Eastward or Westward from St. *Malo*; and the remaining Part of the Fleet either lay in a proper Station, or cruised to and fro, as Wind and Weather would permit.

The Fleet sails from Torbay, but a considerable Part of it is placed to intercept the St. Malo Ships.

From the fourteenth to the eighteenth no Advice came from Captain *Nevil*, so that it was concluded the *French* had not attempted to puth Westward from St. *Malo* with the Easterly Wind, and it was generally believed that they would not stir till towards Winter, when we could not be so well able to keep the Sea to intercept them.

About this time the *James* Galley brought into the Fleet a Privateer of St. *Malo*, which she took off of the Land's End, the Captain whereof reported, that Orders had been several times sent for disarming the Ships at *Brest*, but that they were commonly contradicted in two Days after. This Privateer came from St. *Malo* the Day before Sir *George Rooke* was off of that Port, and said it was then intended that eight of their Men of War should winter there.

The eighteenth and nineteenth the Wind was Westerly, with a continual Fog, and the Admiral fearing it might put him to the Eastward of *Torbay*, thought it most advicable to repair thither, where he took in the Provisions, and thereby prevented the Inconvenience which might have attended the victualling Ships not timely joining the Fleet, had they put out to Sea in Search of him. His Intentions

The Fleet returns to Torbay, and takes in Provisions.

A Consultation how the Fleet might best join the Transports.

tentions were to get under Sail again as soon as possibly he could, that so he might relieve the Squadron on the *French Coast*, which was both in want of Provisions and Water; but before he was able to fail, he received Orders from the Queen relating to the Descent, and on the twenty fifth of *July* consulted with the *English* and *Dutch* Flag Officers thereupon, by whom it was agreed in what manner the Fleet might best join the Transports; and that no time might be lost in improving this Affair to the best Advantage, the Admiral sent an Express to the Duke of *Leinster* (afterwards Duke *Schonberg*) letting him know, that if the Wind continued Westerly he would come with the Fleet to the Transports at *Spithead*, but if Easterly, he had determined to remain for them in *Torbay*.

A Council of War of Sea and Land Officers upon joining the Transport Ships.

He was not a little uneasy at the Delay that had been made, for when this Matter had been under Consideration in the Winter, it was resolved that all things should be ready in the Month of *May* at farthest; and had that been complied with, there might have been much more Probability of Success. But even at this time, late as it was, the General Officers had no Account of the Posture of Affairs at *St. Malo*; nor was there indeed any Resolution taken at Court what the Forces should do when embarked, otherwise than that it was recommended to a Council of War (as I have said before) to consider what might be done at *Brest*. However the Transport Ships being join'd, a general Council was called the twenty eighth of *July*, on board of the *Breda*, where were present the Admiral himself, and the several Persons following, *viz.*

Flag-Officers.

English.

Sir *Ralph Delavall*, Vice-Admiral of the Red.
George Rooke, Esq; Vice Admiral of the Blue.
 Sir *Cloudesly Shovell*, Rear-Admiral of the Red.
David Mitchel, Esq; first Captain to the Admiral.

Dutch.

Admiral *Allemonde*,
 Vice-Admiral *Callenberg*,
 Rear-Admiral *Vandergoes*,
 Rear-Admiral *Evertsen*.
 Rear-Admiral *Muyt*.

General and Field-Officers.

His Grace the Duke of *Leinster*, Lieutenant General of all the Forces,
 Earl of *Galloway*,
 Sir *Henry Bellasis*,
 Monsieur de la *Meloniere*,

Sir *David Collier,*
 Colonel *Beveridge,*
 Monsieur *du Cambon,*
 Colonel *Selwin,*
 Earl of *Argyll.*

And since I cannot better explain the Sense of those Gentlemen, than by inserting a Copy of the Paper which was signed by them, I have done the same as follows, *viz.*

“ The Matter of burning the Ships at *St. Malo* being maturely considered, Vice-Admiral *Rooke* and Vice-Admiral *Callemberg* (who were lately sent with a Squadron of Ships before that Port) representing the great Difficulty of carrying the Ships in there, by reason of the Multitude of Rocks, and the Rapidity of the Tides; and the Pilots refusing to conduct any Frigates or Fireships into the Harbour, because the Marks might be removed, it was the Opinion of the Flag-Officers, that it was not practicable to attempt any thing against the Enemy’s Ships at *St. Malo*’s with any Part of the Fleet, until the Town it self could be so far reduced by the Land Forces as that the Ships might not receive any great Annoyance from the Enemy’s Guns in the Attempt. And the General and Field-Officers of the Army were of Opinion that the Troops could not do any Service at that Place without the Assistance of the Fleet.

Agreed to be impracticable to attempt the Enemy’s Ships at St. Malo with the Fleet.

“ It was then considered whether it was feasible to make any Attempt on the Enemy’s Ships at *Brest*; and although the Flag-Officers were of Opinion that an Attempt might be made there with some Hopes of Success, if the Summer had not been so far spent, yet considering the Winter was approaching, they did not think it proper to attack the Enemy’s Ships in that Port, since the Fleet might be exposed to very great Inconveniencies should they be Wind-bound near that Place: And it was the Opinion of the General and Field-Officers of the Army, that they should not be able to do any Service there against the Enemy, unless they could be protected by the Fleet. The Flag-Officers likewise thought it not safe for the Fleet to attempt any thing against the Enemy at *Rochefort*, the Season of the Year being so far spent, and the Place it self lying so deep in *the Bay*.

They think it not fit to attempt them at Brest, the Winter Season being advanced.

“ It was in the next Place considered whether the Fleet might lie with Safety on the Coast of *Normandy*, to protect the Army in an Attempt either at *Havre de Grace, la Hogue*, or any Place thereabouts: And the Flag-Officers judged that it might lie with Safety on that Coast until towards the latter End of the next Month, in case their Majesty’s Service should require it.

Nor at Rochefort.

Determined to lie on the Coast of Normandy to protect the Army in any Attempts there.

Besides these Resolutions of a General Council of War of Sea and Land-Officers, the Flags themselves came to the following Determination.

“ That since the Transport Ships with the Land-Forces were come to the Fleet, in order to try what might be done against the Enemy either at *St. Malo, Brest, or Rochefort*, it was their Opinion that something might have been attempted, with probability

The Sea Officers of Opinion ’twas not late in the Year for the Fleet to go to Brett, or Rochfort.

“ of Success, were not the Season of the Year so far spent as not to admit of the Fleet’s going with Safety thither.

Sir John Ashby sent with a Squadron towards the Isle of Bas

Pursuant to what was determined the following Orders were given to Sir *John Ashby*. That he should sail with one First Rate, Six Seconds, Seventeen Thirds, One Fourth, and Four Fireships, together with several *Dutch Ships*, over to the Coast of *France*, and place himself about fifteen Leagues North from the West End of the Isle of *Bas*, and by stationing some of the Ships nearer to the Shore, endeavour to intercept the *French*, should they attempt to pass from *St. Malo* to *Brest*; besides which, he was cautioned to look out carefully for any of the Enemy’s Ships which might be coming from the West of *France*. Thus was he to employ himself until he received farther Orders, for which he was directed to send to *Dartmouth* by all convenient Opportunities: And if he met the Squadron with Captain *Nevil*, he was from them to encrease the *English* Ships to thirty, sending the Remainder to *St. Helen’s*, with a West-erly Wind, or, if Easterly, to *Torbay*, that so they might join the Body of the Fleet.

On this Service he remained as long as the Weather would permit, when coming in, without meeting any of the Enemy’s Ships, and being at *Spithead* the fourteenth of *September*, the Collector of the Customs at *Cowes* sent to him the Master of a *French Tartane*, which had been taken some Days before off of *Portland*.

This Man said that he sailed from *St. Malo* the seventh Day of this very Month, in Company of a Vice-Admiral, and sixteen Ships of War, from sixty to eighty Guns, together with six Fireships, which, by reason of little Wind, anchored under *Cape Frehelle*, and remained there till the tenth, and then, at six in the Morning, sailed with the Wind at E. by S. for *Brest*.

In fine, although upon the Admiral his parting with Sir *John Ashby*, it was agreed at a Council of War, that the rest of the Fleet should proceed to the *French Coast* off of *La Hague*, and thereabouts; yet, in his Passage from *Torbay*, he received Orders from the Queen, whereupon he with the Transport-Ships came to *St. Helen’s*, and there lay a considerable time Wind-bound, insomuch that the Winter-season being very far advanced, the great Ships were ordered about to *Chatham*, the Land-Forces put on shore, and the Fleet divided into Squadrons, according as it was judged most for the Advantage of the Service.

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Sir Francis Wheler's Proceedings with a Squadron, and Land-Forces to and from the West-Indies.

IN the Month of *November* a Squadron was ordered to be got ready for Service in the *West-Indies*, which was composed of two Third Rates, six Fourths, three Fifths, one Sixth, three Fire-ships, a Store-Ship, an Hospital, and a Bomb-Vessel; about fifteen hundred Soldiers being put on board of them, and such Transports as were particularly appointed for their Reception. Sir *Francis Wheler* was the Person made choice of to command this Squadron, who received Instructions from the Lords of the Admiralty, dated the twenty fifth Day of the aforesaid Month of *November*, how to govern himself not only in proceeding to, but also when he should be in the *West-Indies*, where he was at liberty to take under his Command three other fourth Rates, namely, the *Norwich*, *Diamond*, and *Mordaunt*; but besides these Instructions, he received Orders from his Majesty, directing what Places belonging to the Enemy he should attempt, and in what manner he should act in Conjunction with the Land-Forces commanded by Colonel *Foulkes*.

1692.

It was the beginning of *January* before this Squadron could be got ready, and then the Commadore sailing, he arrived off of *Dartmouth* the ninth, having received Power (for the greater Grace of an Expedition from which so much was expected) to put abroad the Union Flag at the Main-top-mast-head, as soon as he should be out of the *Soundings*.

The twenty sixth of *January* he reached the Island of *Maderas*, and having taken in Wine there for the Ships Companies, arrived in *Carlisle Bay* at *Barbadoes* the first of *March* following, where he was joined by several Ships which had separated from him in his Passage.

The Squadron arrives at Maderas.

A Council of War determined to make an Attempt first on *Martinica*, and two Regiments were joined to about eight hundred Land-Men provided at *Barbadoes*, commanded by the Captains *Salter*, and *Butler*, Advice whereof was sent to Colonel *Codrington*, General of the *Leeward* Islands, who was desired to cause the Forces in those Parts to meet the rest with all the speed that might be at *Martinica*; and yet farther to strengthen these Forces, upon occasions of Service, there was formed a Battalion of Seamen, of which the Commadore was himself Colonel.

Resolution to attack Martinica.

The Squadron arriving at *Cul de Sac Royal* in *Martinica* the fifteenth of *April*, a general Council of War was called of Sea and Land-Officers, and the Question being put, Whether the Soldiers should land first, and destroy Fort *St. Pierre*, and the Plantations thereabouts, or begin with attacking Fort *Royal*, it was agreed

A Council of War called.

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to land at or near Fort St. *Pierre*, and that the Fleet should fail the next Morning to countenance this Attempt.

Another
Council of
War.

Being before the Town of St. *Pierre* the twentieth of *April*, another Council of War was called, and a Debate arising, Whether a close Siege should be laid, and Attack made on the Town and Fort of St. *Pierre*, or whether the Forces should be taken on board, and that then it should be considered what was fit to be done; it was moved by the President, (Sir *Francis Wheler*) that every Man should give his Opinion in Writing.

Reasons for
not attack-
ing Fort St.
Pierre.

Thus each Officer, both by Sea and Land, took the Matter into Consideration, and having drawn up their Reasons, and signed to them, they were delivered in: But few there were among them, if any, except Sir *Francis Wheler* himself, and, I think, Lieutenant-Colonel *Colt*, who were for making an Attempt, but rather to retire, and land the Men in some other Place, in order to despoil the Enemy.

Most of the Officers alledged that the *French* were superior to our Forces, and that since at least one third of our Men were *Irish* Papists, there could be but very little Confidence put in them; and another Objection was made, That the greatest Number of the Men they were to trust to had not born Arms before this very Expedition.

Other Scruples were raised, such as these; That the Roads were almost impassable, and the Hills inaccessible; That the Attempt would not only too much expose the Men to the Enemy, but to Sickness also, by reason of the Fatigue, eight hundred of the three thousand (including the *Irish*) being either found killed, wounded, or sick, within three Days after Landing.

Others, and particularly General *Codrington*, were of Opinion, that should our Army be beaten, it would be almost impossible to retreat on board the Ships, so that not only *Barbadoes*, but the *Leeward* Islands also, would be in a very great measure expos'd to the Enemy, most of the Forces having been drawn from those Places for this Service.

Resolved to
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nica.
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In fine, it was resolved at a Council of War, held the twenty second of *April* 1693, that the Army should embark, and the Squadron sail to *Dominica*, that there they might take in Water, and refresh the Men, who at this time were in but very indifferent Circumstances of Health.

Resolved not
to attack Gu-
adalupe.

At *Dominica* another Council of War was called the twenty fifth of *April*, and the Question being put, whether they should attack *Guadalupe*, it was carried by great Majority in the Negative; whereupon it was resolved to send home all the Forces belonging *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward* Islands, with proper Convoys, and that the Squadron should proceed to and rendezvous at St. *Christopher's*.

Sir *Francis Wheler* considering the great Charge the Crown had been at on this Expedition, was of Opinion that *Dominica* ought immediately to be attack'd, and General *Codrington* was also of the same

same mind, as was Colonel *Foulkes*, provided the Squadron and Army could remain there six Weeks, or two Months; for in less than that time it was believed it could not be effected, because here the Enemy were as strong, or rather stronger, than at *St. Pierre*. But Sir *Francis* informing them that the King had positively ordered the Fleet should not continue in those Parts longer than the last of *May*, and the Forces belonging to *Barbadoes* pressing very earnestly to be gone, he having refreshed the Officers and Men, bent his Course to *New England*, and arrived at *Boston* the twelfth of *June*.

The Squadron arrives at New England.

Sir *Francis Wheeler*, according to the Commands he had received from his Majesty, proposed to Sir *William Phips*, Governor of *New England*, the going to, and attempting *Quebeck*. But he having not had any previous Advice thereof, which he said he ought to have had four Months before, so as to have gotten all things ready; and that Expedition requiring the Squadron's sailing by the first of *July*, and a Strength of four thousand Men, at least, which very much exceeded the present Numbers, that Affair was no longer thought of; so that on the first of *July* the recovered Men began to embark, and the third of *August* the Squadron sailed from *Boston*.

Reasons for not attempting Quebeck.

The Commadore being desirous to do something, though in so weak a Condition, before he made sail for *England*, proceeded to *Newfoundland*, and arriving at *Placentia* the eighteenth of *August*, he was informed that the *French* were very strong there, not only in large Privateers, (for during the whole Expedition there was not any Account received of a Squadron of Ships of War) but that they had at least two thousand Men, reckoning both Soldiers and Inhabitants. That the Mouth of the Harbour (which was not above a Ship's length in breadth) was guarded by three Cables athwart, and a strong Fort, whereon were mounted more than thirty large Cannon, and pallisado'd to the Land; and that the neighbouring Hills were also fortified.

The Squadron arrives at Newfoundland.

Upon this he called a Council of War of the Sea and Land-Officers, and earnestly press'd that the Land-Forces might make an Attempt on shore, while the Fleet did the same by Sea, and that some Soldiers might be taken from the Transport-Ships to assist in the Ships of War, which had not more Men than were sufficient to ply one Tire of their Guns. This was rejected by the Land-Officers, there being eleven of them to six of the Sea against going in with the Ships to batter the *Great Fort*: However, he sent some of the Frigates, and part of the Soldiers, under Command of Major *Rabifrier*, to destroy the *French* at *St. Peter's*, which was effectually done.

A Council of War called, and resolv'd not to attempt Placentia.

The twenty eighth of *August* the Squadron arrived in the Bay of *Bulls* on the East side of the Island, and took in Water and Wood, where being detained by bad Weather until the twenty second of *September*, the Commadore then sailed for *England*, and arriving on the eighteenth

Sir Francis Wheeler arrives in England.

teenth of *October*, he received a Commission at *Portsmouth*, appointing him Rear-Admiral of the Red.

Thus ended this Expedition, from which *England* gained no manner of Reputation, although it was attended with the unfortunate Loss of many good Officers and Men; and it had like to have happen'd much worse from the want of Hands sufficient to bring the Ships home, which were in a very bad Condition, both as to their Hulls, and other Particulars.

C H A P. XI.

The Proceedings of Mr. Killegrew, Sir Cloudefly Shovell, and Sir Ralph Delavall, joint Admirals of the Fleet, in the Chanel and Soundings; and of Sir George Rooke his falling in with the French Fleet in Lagos Bay.

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THE eighteenth of *March* Mr. Killegrew, Sir Ralph Delavall, and Sir Cloudefly Shovell (who were jointly appointed Admirals of the Fleet) received Instructions from the Lords of the Admiralty to proceed to Sea, and (without expecting particular Orders, by which Opportunities of Service might be lost) to use their utmost Endeavours to annoy the Enemy, and protect the Trade. The Number of Ships (besides *Dutch*) appointed for the Body of the Fleet, were six First Rates, ten Seconds, twenty eight Thirds, six Fourths, four Fifths, and five of the Sixth Rate, together with Fireships, a Bomb Vessel, and four Hospitals.

Five Regiments of Foot put on board.

There was at this time a great want of Men, and for the more speedy raising them, general Orders were issued (but soon after contradicted) for taking half the Scamen from all the Privateers. However, that the Fleet might be put into as early a Condition for Service as it was possible, five Regiments of Foot were ordered to be embark'd at *Portsmouth*; and that the Provisions might last the longer, the Ships Companies were to put Six to Four Men's Allowance of all Species, except Beer; for there was not yet such a Quantity provided as would enable them to keep out at Sea as long as the Service might require.

The Admirals arrive at St. Helen's, and form their Line of Battel. 1693.

The Fleet arrived at *St. Helen's* the seventh of *May*, where the Admirals formed their Line of Battel; and since it is not altogether necessary to insert the same in the exact Form, with every Ship's Name, and that of her Commander, as they were appointed to follow each other, I shall explain the Strength of each Division in the manner following, *viz.*

English.

<i>English.</i>	<i>Rates.</i>						Fireships.
	1 st ,	2 ^d ,	3 ^d ,	4 th ,	5 th ,	6 th ,	
In the Division of the Vice- Admiral of the Blue, } —	0,	3,	5,	1,	0,	0,	3.
Admiral of the Blue, —	2,	1,	5,	1,	0,	1,	3.
Rear-Admiral of the Blue, —	0,	2,	6,	1,	0,	0,	2.
Rear-Admiral of the Red, —	1,	2,	5,	1,	0,	0,	2.
Admiral of the Red, —	3,	1,	5,	1,	2,	2,	3.
<i>Dutch.</i>							
Vice-Admiral, — — —	1,	2,	4,	2,	0,	0,	2.
Admiral, — — —	2,	1,	6,	1,	0,	2,	3.
Another Vice-Admiral, —	3,	0,	4,	3,	0,	1,	1.
12, 12, 40, 11, 2, 6,							19.

Thus the Fleet, *English* and *Dutch*, would, when join'd, have consisted of one hundred and two Sail, besides Brigantines, Bomb-Vessels, and Hospital Ships, whereof seventy were Ships of the Line of Battel; and although those of the *Dutch*, which I reckon according to Rates, (a Method not used by that Nation) are more or less inferior to those of the *English*, yet have I taken great care to marshal them together as near as those Differences would admit of it.

The Day after the Fleet arrived at *Spithead*, the Flag-Officers took into Consideration, pursuant to her Majesty's Commands, what Number of Ships might be proper for them to carry off of *Brest*, as also what might be attempted when there; and it was agreed, that if the Fleet could be made up to Seventy, they would proceed to the said Port, and endeavour to attempt the *French* Ships; their Reason for insisting on such a Number being the Uncertainty whether or not the Ships from *Thoulon* had joined them.

A Consultation about attempting the Ships at Brest.

Another Council of War was called the fifteenth of *May*, to consider how the Streights Fleet, with the Trade bound to *Turkey*, might most safely proceed under the Conduct of Sir *George Rooke*. Having debated this Matter, they were of Opinion that if the *Thoulon* Squadron was come out of the Streights, and join'd to those of *Brest*, ten Men of War, a small Frigate, and a Fireship, would be sufficient for the aforesaid Convoy, and that the separate Convoy for *Spain* ought to proceed with them, while the Body of the Fleet accompanied both out of the Chanel; but that if the *French* were not join'd, it was proper the whole Squadron should forthwith proceed with their Convoys. On the other hand, if the *French* Ships were joined, and at Sea, it was judged advicable for the main Fleet to proceed with the *Mediterranean* Squadron as far as a Council of War might think proper when they should be in the *Soundings*; but that if no certain Advice could be got of the *Thoulon* Squadron's

Another Consultation about sending forward the Turkey Convoy.

being come out of the Streights, or where they were, before the Fleet sailed from *St. Helen's*, the *Mediterranean* Squadron (that is to say, ten Ships of War, a Frigate, and a Fire-ship) should remain at *St. Helen's* until Intelligence could be gained.

The Admirals ordered by the Lords of the Admiralty to sail with the Fleet and the *Turkey Convoy*.

The nineteenth of *May* the Lords of the Admiralty (in Obedience to her Majesty's Commands) sent Orders to the Admirals to sail in Company of the Squadron bound to the *Mediterranean*, and of the *Virginia* and *Bilboa* Convoys, and that after they had proceeded with them as far as might be judged requisite, they should order those bound to the Streights to steer such a Course to *Cadiz* as might be thought most safe by a Council of War, with respect as well to the *Brest* Fleet, if gone out, as to the *Thoulon* Squadron, and then with the Body of the Fleet to put in Execution the Instructions they had received.

Determination was made to sail with the *Turkey Convoy*.

A Council of War being hereupon called, it was determined that the Fleet and *Mediterranean* Squadron should proceed together thirty Leagues W. S. W. from *Ushant*, and that when the Admirals spread a blue Flag at the Main-top-mast-head, and fired three Guns, Sir *George Rooke*, as well as the other Convoys, should go forward, according to the Orders they had received from the Lords of the Admiralty.

Agreed to accompany the said Convoy twenty Leagues farther.

The Fleet being on the fourth of *June* thirty Leagues W. S. W. from *Ushant*, a Council of War of *English* and *Dutch* Flag-Officers determined, That since they had no Intelligence of the Enemy, they would accompany the *Mediterranean* Squadron twenty Leagues farther, and then return to the former Station to take up the Cruisers, from whence it was judged adviseable to proceed to the Rendezvous ten Leagues N. W. of *Ushant*; so that leaving the Streights Squadron on the sixth in the Evening, they arrived at the said Rendezvous two Days after.

Advice from Sir Lambert Blackwell of the *Thoulon* Squadron.

During this time they met not with any Intelligence of the Enemy's Fleet; but the Lords of the Admiralty received Advice on the thirteenth from Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, (who was then Consul at *Leghorn*) which he had from the Master of a *Maltese* Bark, that the *Thoulon* Squadron, with thirty five Gallies, were ready to proceed from *Marseilles*; and some time before this the Country was alarm'd with a Number of Ships seen off of *Scilly*, which were thought to be the *French* Fleet, but they proved to be only *Danes* and *Swedes*, under Convoy of a Man of War of about forty four Guns.

None of the Enemy's Ships could be seen at *Brest*.

Some Ships being sent to gain Intelligence on the *French* Coast, one of them, the *Warspight*, returned to the Admirals the seveneenth of *June*, with an Account that she had stood in as near with *St. Matthew's* Point as to bring *Brest* Bay open, and that neither Ship, nor other Vessel, could be discovered there, except two or three small Fishing Boats; whereupon it was determined to sail off of *Scilly* in quest of the Enemy, (having not yet been informed that the Ships which gave the Alarm were only *Danes* or *Swedes*) and from thence to repair to *Torbay* with the sixty nine Ships of the Line of Battel which were then in Company, forty five whereof were

were *English*, and twenty four *Dutch*. There they arrived the twenty first of *June* in great want of several Species of Provisions, but more especially Beer, Butter, and Cheese, and a Council of War was called the twenty third, upon Commands from her Majesty, concerning Sir *George Rooke*, it being apprehended that he might be in danger from the *French Fleet*, as indeed it happened.

The Fleet arrives in Torbay.

It was by this Council determined to proceed to *Lisbon*, in order to join him; but it was found, upon strict Enquiry, they had had not Provisions to enable them so to do. Nevertheless, since it was judged that the *Mediterranean Squadron* did greatly require the Assistance of the Fleet, it was resolved to proceed in search of the Enemy, if the Provisions could in fourteen Days be compleated to ten Weeks at whole Allowance.

Resolution of a Council of War, upon Apprehensions of the Turkey Convoy's being in danger.

Much about this time Advice came from the Consul of *Orporto*, dated the ninth of *June*, that on the first of that Month an Express arrived at *Lisbon* from the *Algarve*, with an Account that Monsieur *Tourville* with the *French Fleet*, consisting of seventy five Ships of War, and several other Ships and Vessels, in all to the Number of one hundred and fourteen, were come into the Bay of *Lagos*, between Cape *St. Vincent* and *Faro*. It was said that at first they shew'd *English* Colours, and some of them *Dutch*, and that by *English* Men sent on shore, they pretended to be of those Nations; but that next Day the Governor sending on board of the Admiral, he insinuated as if he had been forced in there by bad Weather, and that he intended to sail the following Morning; though doubtless his real design was to intercept our Ships of War and their Convoys.

Advice received of the French Fleet's being in Lagos Bay.

Besides this Intelligence, an Express was sent to the Bishop of *Algarve*, with an Account that the Count *d'Estrées* was join'd with Monsieur *Tourville*, and that the whole Body of the *French Fleet* seem'd to stand off to Sea, in order first to double Cape *St. Vincent*, and then to proceed Northward: Besides which, there was Advice at *Cadiz*, that they had been discover'd in *Lagos Bay* the sixth of *June*, in all about one hundred and twenty Sail, of which seventy great Ships, together with sixteen Fireships, and six Bomb-Vessels, and that twenty of them were cruising Westward.

The Admirals ordered to distribute Provisions equally to the Ships.

These Advices reaching the *English Court*, the Lords of the Admiralty sent Orders to the Admirals on the twenty third of *June* to distribute the expected Provisions equally as soon as it arrived, and to cause each Captain to take on board what Water he could, inasmuch as it was probable the Service might require the Fleet's continuing at Sea a considerable time; and Directions were given to the Commissioners for Victualling to provide as fast as possibly they could, and hasten to the Fleet, what Provisions was then shipped off; for at that time what they had on board would not suffice longer than is hereafter mention'd, according to the Computation made thereof by the Agent to the said Commissioners.

The Bread would end by *August 16*

Beer — — — *July 21*

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The Beef would end by *September 13.*
 Pork ——— ——— *August 16.*
 Pease ——— ——— *September 13.*
 Oatmeal ——— ——— *August 16.*
 Butter ——— ——— *September 13.*
 Cheefe ——— ——— *September 13.*

*Their Reasons
for not going
with the Fleet
to the Assis-
tance of Sir
George Rooke.*

The first of *July* the Flag-Officers submitted it to her Majesty whether it might be advisable for the Fleet to proceed to *Lisbon*, for that if the *French* were join'd, and sail'd Northward, the Coast of *England* would be expos'd to Insults. That which had before induced them to propose going thither, was for the Security of *Sir George Rooke* and the Merchant Ships, and proceeding with him farther, or accompanying him home, as it should be thought most proper: But since Orders were sent to him to return, it would be very uncertain where to meet him; besides, they were of Opinion that her Majesty's Orders to him being very full, there was no occasion for the making any Additions thereunto, since he was by those Orders directed, if he found himself obliged to go into the River of *Lisbon*, and that he received certain Intelligence during his Stay there the *Toulon* Squadron had join'd the rest of their Fleet, and were gone together Northward from off the Coast of *Portugal*, to leave a proper Number of Ships, both *English* and *Dutch*, to proceed up the Streights with the *Turky* Trade, and return himself with the rest, and join the Body of our Fleet in these Seas, but not meeting them in his Passage, to repair to the Port of *Plimouth*, and there expect farther Directions. These Orders being not sent away before the third of *June*, they could not possibly timely arrive; for he being the seventeenth of that Month about sixty Leagues short of *Cape St. Vincent*, he thence ordered the *Lark*, a nimble sixth Rate, to stretch ahead of his Scouts in *Lagos* Bay, and get what Intelligence could be had there of the Enemy; which Ship hawling the Shore on board in the Night more than the rest of the Fleet did, she lay becalmed.

*The French
Fleet first dis-
covered in La-
gos Bay by
Sir George
Rooke.*

Next Day the Scouts discovered two of the Enemy's Ships, and giving chase until somewhat after Noon, the *Chatham*, of fifty Guns, came up with one of them mounted with seventy, and engaged her a small time; but seeing eight or ten Sail under the Cape, she left her, and repaired to the Admiral with an Account of what had been discovered. Hereupon a Council of War being called, where were the other two Flag-Officers, namely, Rear-Admiral *Hopson*, and Vice-Admiral *Vandergoes*, the Admiral propos'd keeping the Wind, or laying by all Night, that so a Discovery of the Enemy's Strength might be made the next Morning: But in this he was overruled, it being urg'd, that as the Wind was fresh Northerly, it gave a fair Opportunity of pushing for *Cadiz*. The Admiral being apprehensive that such an Attempt might prove of ill Consequence, by drawing the Fleet into a greater Force of the Enemy than he could be able to disengage himself from, thought it requisite, before the Result of this Council of War was sign'd, to call to him five or six of the

the Captains who happened to be then on board, whose Opinions being asked, they all concurred in what had been before resolved; so that making fail, he ran along Shore all Night with a press'd Sail, and forced several of the Enemy's Ships to cut from their Anchors in *Legos Bay*.

Next Morning, by break of Day, being off of *Villa Nova*, it fell calm, when about ten Sail of the Enemy's Ships of War, and some other small ones with them, were seen in the Offing. Those Ships stood away with their Boats ahead, setting fire to several, and abandoning others of the smaller Vessels, some of which fell into our Hands, and in one of them there was a Train laid which blew up twenty Men. A Fireship of theirs was also taken, by falling into the Fleet in the Night, and the Men belonging to her informed the Admiral, that the Squadron consisted of no more than fifteen Ships of the Line of Battel, but that there were three Flags, namely, Monsieur *Tourville*, Monsieur *Villet*, and Monsieur *Lemon*; and that they had with them forty odd Sail of Store-ships and Merchant Men bound to *Thoulon*, or to meet Monsieur *d'Estrees*. They said also that the Squadron had been becalmed off the Cape, and that having watered in the Bay, they were bound directly into the Streights, without any Intention of seeing our Fleet. This, with the hasty Retreat of their Men of War in the Morning, and the deserting and burning their small Vessels, caused a perfect Belief in the Admiral, and the rest of the Flag-Officers and Captains; but afterwards it was judged (and with Reason too) that the precipitate Retreat of this little part of the Fleet (unless they were at first surprized, and judged our whole Strength might be together, from the Number of Merchant Ships) was on purpose to amuse us, and thereby draw our Squadron insensibly into the Body thereof.

Some Ships of the French hastily retire to draw our Squadron into their Body.

About Noon the Sea Breeze sprang up at W. N. W, and North-West, when the Admiral bore away along shore upon the Enemy, discovering their Strength the more nearer he came to them, and at last counted about eighty Sail, but the Number they ply'd up to him with was not above sixteen, with three Flags, *viz.* the Admiral, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, and Rear-Admiral of the White; for the Vice-Admiral of the White stood off to Sea, that so he might weather our Squadron, and fall in with the Merchant Ships, whilst the Body of their Fleet lay promiscuously to Leeward of one another, as far as they could be seen, especially their biggest Ships.

The Enemy's whole strength discovered, and sixteen bear up towards our Squadron.

At Three in the Afternoon our Squadron being within four Miles of the Enemy, Vice-Admiral *Vandergoes* brought to, and sent to Sir *George Rooke*, letting him know that he was then sensible of the Decit, for that their whole Fleet might be discovered, for which reason he was for avoiding Fighting, if possible, being fearful that not only many of the Merchant Ships would be lost, but that an Engagement there might certainly occasion the Ruin of the whole. The Admiral judged he was advanced too near to think of a Retreat, and therefore, before the Receipt of this Message, he had resolved to push for it; but reflecting afterwards upon the Inconveniences he might expose himself to by engaging, and thereby hazarding the

The Dutch Vice-Admiral against fighting them.

Sir George
Rooke there-
upon stands
off.

Loss of the Squadron, contrary to the Opinion and Advice of the *Dutch* Flag-Officer, he brought to, and stood off with an easie Sail, that so the *Dutch*, and the heavy Ships might work up to Windward, sending at the same time the *Sheernefs* with Orders to the small Ships which were near the Land, and could not (as he judged) keep up with the Fleet, to endeavour to get along Shore in the Night, and save themselves in *Faro*, *St. Lucar*, or *Cadiz*.

The Opportu-
nity our Ships
had to escape,
by the Fene-
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ing some
Dutch Ships
into the Shore.

The Admiral and Vice-Admiral of the Blue, with eight or ten of the Enemy's Ships fetched very fast upon our Squadron, which obliged them to make Sail; notwithstanding which they came up with the Leewardmost about six a Clock, which being two or three *Dutch* Men of War, and some of their Merchant Ships, they (soon after they were engaged) tack'd and stood in for the Shore, as the Enemy did after them, thereby giving a fair Opportunity to our Ships which were to Windward, and ahead, to make their Escape. The Admiral stood off all Night with a prest Sail, having a fresh Gale at N. N. W. and on Sunday Morning fifty four of the Merchant Ships, with several Men of War were about him, but of the latter no more than two of those belonging to the *Dutch*, and one *Hamburgher*, five Sail of the Enemy's Ships being to Leeward, and two to Windward, which last kept Sight of him until it was Night.

Next Day the Admiral called the Officers of the Men of War and Merchant Ships on board him, to inform himself from them what Account they could give of the rest of the Fleet, and to advise what was best to be done for their Security. Some of them said they saw forty or fifty Ships bear away to the Southward, about Ten on Saturday Night, and that among them were the *Monk*, and a *Dutch* Man of War of fifty Guns, and there was great Hopes that the *Chandos*, *Asia*, and several other large Ships bound to *Turky* were safe, because the Admiral's own Ship was the Leewardmost of the Fleet on Sunday Morning, and that now there could be discerned no more to Leeward than five *French* Ships which were standing away towards *Cadiz*. But one of the Masters of the Merchant Ships was for looking towards the Streights Mouth; the rest were positively against it: Some inclin'd for *Lisbon*, others for the *Groyne*, but most for *Ireland*; so that the Admiral determin'd to steer away either for *Cork* or *Kinsale*, the two principal Ports in that Kingdom.

With great Art the Enemy drew our Squadron and the Trade into this Misfortune; but had they pursued the Advantage with as much Conduct and Resolution, not a Ship could well have escaped; for the Admiral and Vice-Admiral of the Blue were within Shot of Sir *George Rooke* when they tacked and stood in to the Shore after the *Dutch*; which tacking (as I have said before) saved the rest of the Fleet.

In what man-
ner the Squa-
dron and
Merchant
Ships were se-
parated.

Having given this Account, it may not be improper to inform you how the Fleet, both Ships of War, and those of the Merchants, were by this unlucky Accident separated, *viz.*

English Ships of War.

<i>Royal Oak,</i>	}	All these were with the Fleet when the <i>French</i> stood in towards the Shore.
<i>Breda,</i>		
<i>Monmouth,</i>		
<i>Lion,</i>		
<i>Woolwich,</i>		
<i>Newcastle,</i>		
<i>Chatham,</i>		
<i>Tyger Prize,</i>		
<i>Lumley Castle,</i>		
<i>Princess Anne,</i>		
<i>Loyal Merchant,</i>		
<i>Lark,</i>		
<i>Salamander,</i>		
<i>Dispatch Brigantine,</i>	} Fireships.	
<i>Speedwell,</i>		
<i>Vulture,</i>	} Storehip.	
<i>Muscovia Merchant,</i>		
<i>Sufannah, Bomb Storeship.</i>	} Bore up with the <i>Chandos,</i>	
<i>Monk,</i>		<i>Asia, &c.</i>
<i>Sbeernefs,</i>	} Tack'd and stood in for the	} Shore with the Merchant
<i>Smyrna Factor,</i>		

Dutch Ships of War.

<i>Captain General,</i>	} These were also in the Fleet.	
<i>Guelderland,</i>		
<i>Oosterstellingwerfe,</i>	} Were already gone Convoy to	} <i>Oporto</i> and <i>St. Ube's,</i> and so
<i>Dé Bescrmer,</i>		
<i>Nimwegen,</i>	} Bore up with the <i>Chandos,</i>	} <i>Asia, &c.</i>
<i>Zeelandt,</i>		
<i>De Hadt Medezel,</i>	} Tack'd and stood in for the	} Shore, soon after the Enemy
<i>Schiedam,</i>		

Merchant Ships in the Fleet.

<i>George,</i>	} Bound to <i>Smyrna.</i>
<i>Concord,</i>	
<i>Crown,</i>	} Bound to <i>Scanderoun.</i>
<i>Aleppo Factor,</i>	
<i>Reward,</i>	} Bound to <i>Messina.</i>
<i>Phoenix,</i>	
<i>Merchants Goodwill,</i>	} Bound to <i>Alicant.</i>
<i>Lambeth,</i>	
<i>Poplar Frigate,</i>	
<i>Terra Nova Merchant,</i>	

Hunter,

<i>Hunter,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Cadiz</i> .
<i>Andalusia,</i>		
<i>Relief,</i>		
<i>Sarah,</i>		
<i>George,</i>		
<i>Fidelity,</i>		Bound to <i>St. Lucar</i> .

English Merchant Ships missing.

<i>Chandos,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Smyrna</i> .
<i>Asia,</i>		
<i>Italian Merchant,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Leghorn, Smyrna,</i> and <i>Scanderoon</i> .
<i>Mary,</i>		
<i>Joseph,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Scanderoon</i> ,
<i>Loyalty,</i>		
<i>Jacob,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Venice</i> .
<i>Prosperous Africa,</i>		
<i>Ruby,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Tunis</i> .
<i>Golden Frigate,</i>		
<i>Great Tuniseen,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Alicant</i> .
<i>Three Brothers,</i>		
<i>Susanna,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Messina</i> .
<i>Oxenden,</i>		
<i>Merchants Goodwill,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Barcelona</i> .
<i>Friendship,</i>		
<i>Success,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Malaga</i> .
<i>Malaga Factor,</i>		
<i>Benjamin,</i>	}	Bound to <i>Cadiz</i> .
<i>Frog Doggar,</i>		
<i>Sarah,</i>	}	Bound to <i>St. Lucar</i> .
<i>John and Samuel,</i>		
<i>John and Thomas,</i>		

All the Dutch Turkey Ships were missing.

All the Hamburgber Convoys were missing, except one Man of War and one Merchant Man, the other Ship of War failed to *St. Ubes*.

After the Admiral had dispatched the *Lark* to England with an Account of the Disaster, he bore away with the Fleet to *Madera* for Water, where he had Hopes of meeting some of the scattered Ships, but found only the *Monk*, commanded by Captain *Fairborne*; wherefore putting himself into the best Condition he could, he sailed from *Madera* the twenty seventh of *June*, and arrived at *Cork* in *Ireland* the third of *August*, where he received Orders from the joint Admirals to send the *Royal Oak*, *Breda*, *Monmouth*, *Lion*, *Woolwich*, and *Lumley Castle* to the main Fleet: But since all the Ships with him were in great Want of several Species of Provisions, and that no sudden Service could be expected

Sir George Rooke proceeds to *Madera* to water.

He arrives at *Cork* in *Ireland*.

pected from those that were to remain at *Kinsale*, he sent them thither under Command of Captain *Fairborne*, and came himself with the beforementioned Detachment to the Fleet.

After our Squadron had thus fortunately escaped (for indeed as hath been already observed, the Enemy made not much of the offered Advantage) the *French* Admiral proceeded up the Streights, and came to an Anchor before the Town of *Malaga* the twentieth of *July* in the Morning, to the Governor of which Place he gave Assurance that he had no Design against either it or the Inhabitants, but that his Intentions were to burn all the *English* and *Dutch* Ships in the Port; adding withall, that if the City endeavoured to defend them, (which indeed it was in no good Condition of doing) he was resolved to bombard it. The Governor returned Answer, that he would do his utmost to protect the Ships according to the King his Master's Orders, and next Day the *French* placing their Broadfides against them in the Mold, being four *Dutch*, and one *English*, attempted to burn the *Union* Frigate, but were twice repulled; nevertheless they continued to fire very hotly, and all having been done that possible could be to defend the said Merchant Ships, their Masters at last sunk them.

The French Fleet proceed up the Streights.

The French attack our Merchant Ships at Malaga, whose Masters sink them.

The Dispute between the City and the *French* lasted about six Hours, but they did no great Damage one to the other, nor were there above eight or ten Men killed and wounded on Shore. After this the Enemy returned down the Streights and anchored in the Bay of *Cadiz*, where they were so far from doing Mischief, that at the Desire of the *French* Admiral (for there was no need of Compulsion) the Governor of the Place gave him a handsome Present of Refreshments. The same Afternoon they sent away all their Prizes to *Thoulon* (being about eighteen) under the Convoy of two Men of War, and detached about fourteen Ships, and two Bomb-Vessels toward *Gibraltar*, in which Bay they arrived the eighth in the Morning, within Gun-shot of the Fortifications, which together with the Mold and Ships fired on them all Day, but they made no Return.

They then repair to Cadiz Bay, and receive Refreshments from the Governor.

They detach a Squadron to Gibraltar.

The eleventh in the Morning Captain *James Littleton* of the *Smyrna Factor*, sent from her, and several of the Merchant Ships, about ninety Seamen, to enable the Masters of those four which were bound for *Turky* to defend themselves, on whom the *French* fired, and sent in one of their Frigates to attack them; but the warm Reception she received soon obliged them to rescue her with their Boats; not but that when the *French* began to sling Bombs into the Mold, those Masters (as the others had done at *Malaga*) boring Holes in their Ships sunk them, and thereupon the *French* retired to *Lago Bay*.

Our Merchant Ships sunk by their Masters, and then the Enemy repair to Lago Bay.

It is needless to spend more time in attending the Motion of the *French* Fleet, or in relating the mighty Feats they did, by throwing away some Bombs on other Ports in the Streights in their Passage to *Thoulon*; and therefore I shall again return to the Body of our Fleet at Home, which could by no means have arrived time enough to the Assistance of Sir *George Rooke*, had they had sufficient Provisi-

A Council of War called to consider how to dispose of our Fleet.

ons, and all other things necessary. But since there was an absolute Necessity for their going to Sea, a Council of the Flag-Officers was called the ninth of *July*, by whom it was resolved to proceed forty Leagues S. W. from *Ushant*, and then to consider whether it might be most proper to remain there, or to remove to some other Station, for intercepting the Enemy. To put this in Execution they attempted to sail the eleventh, but were forced back by extreme bad Weather, which did considerable Damage, and many of the Ships lost their Topmasts and Anchors.

The Misfortunes of the Merchant Ships with *Sir George Rooke*, had not long been known at our Court, e'er several Questions were sent to the Admirals by the Lords of the Admiralty, with Respect to the Time and Place of their parting from the Squadron, and their not endeavouring to gain Intelligence at *Bress*, &c. but they adhering to the several Councils of War which were held upon that Subject, the whole Matter ended with some Examinations before the House of Commons.

The *Victory*, *Dutchess*, *Suffolk*, *Ossory*, and *Elizabeth*, which wanted the greatest Repairs, were sent from the Fleet to *Chatbam*, towards the latter End of *August*, but it was ordered that if any other damaged Ships could be made fit for the Sea in *Torbay*, they should be immediately gone in hand with; and at this time all the *Dutch* Ships were in a tolerable good Condition, except that wherein Vice-Admiral *Callemberg* bore his Flag; but the Winter Season being somewhat advanced, the Admirals received Orders the twenty fifth to come with the Fleet to *St. Helen's*; where being arrived, the four Regiments which were put on board, for the better manning them, were landed at *Portsmouth*, and the Ships with three Decks sent to *Blackstakes*, except four of them, the *St. Andrew*, *St. Michael*, *Neptune*, and *Vanguard*, which were appointed to be fitted at the said Port of *Portsmouth*; and on the nineteenth of *September* fifteen *Dutch* Ships of the Line of Battel, with two Frigates of thirty six Guns each, were ordered by his Majesty to *Holland*, so that the Body being now separated, it was determined that one Second Rate, seventeen Thirds, seven Fourths, one Fifth, seven Fireships, and two Hospital Ships should be the Winter Guard.

The Admirals come with the Fleet to St. Helen's, and the great Ships sent to Chatbam.

C H A P. XII.

An Account of Sir Francis Wheler's Proceedings to the Mediterranean, to the Time of his unfortunate Loss, and what happened afterwards.

SIR *Francis Wheler* being appointed Admiral and Commander in Chief of the Squadron designed for the *Mediterranean*, I shall now give an Account of what passed in those Parts during his time, and after his unfortunate Loss, under the Conduct of Rear-

Admiral *Nevil*, until such time as he was joined at *Cadiz* by Admiral *Ruffel* with the *English* and *Dutch* Fleets.

He was directed by the Lords of the Admiralty, by their Orders bearing Date the twentieth of *November*, to proceed to *Cadiz* with sixteen Third Rates, seven Fourths, one Fifth, one Sixth, six Fireships, two Bomb-Vessels, an Hospital Ship, and a Storeship, in Company of several *Dutch* Ships of War appointed to join him, and to take under his Convoy all Merchant Ships bound to *Turky*, or any Port in *Spain* or *Italy*. Sir Francis Wheler's Instructions.

If he arrived at *Cadiz* before the *Spanish* Plate Fleet, he was to cruise in such Station as should be agreed on at a Council of War, not exceeding thirty Days, to secure them in their Passage; and when the said Fleet came into Port, or if they did not so do within the aforesaid time, he was to proceed into the *Mediterranean* with seven Third Rates, as many Fourths, one Fifth, one Sixth, four Fireships, two Bomb-Vessels, and the Hospital Ship, and Storeship, together with the *Dutch*. The rest of the Squadron he was to leave at *Cadiz*, with Orders to the senior Officer to remain one and twenty Days there, and then to return to *England* with all the Trade that should be ready to accompany him; and if the *Spanish* Ships of War arrived at *Cadiz* before Sir *Francis Wheler's* Departure thence, he was to concert with their Admiral where to join him at his Return from convoying the *Turky* Trade.

He had particular Instructions what Convoys to send to *Turky*, and to other Ports up the Streights, which he was to accompany as high as the Chanel of *Malta*; but was cautioned (as usual) not to block up any of the *Grand Signior's* Ports, and if he took any Ships wherein were the Persons or Effects of that Prince, or his Subjects, he was ordered to set both one and the other on Shore at the first convenient Place.

When he had thus sent forward the several Convoys, he was to return with the *English* and *Dutch* Ships of War, and join the *Spanish* Squadron, and with their Assistance to endeavour to annoy the Enemy, and protect the Trade; and when he judged the *Turky* Convoys might be on their Return, he was to repair to the appointed Rendezvous for joining them, and accompany them to *England*, bringing with him the several Trades from the Ports in the Streights, and *Cadiz*.

He was also farther directed, when he should be in the *Mediterranean*, to send two or three Ships before *Algier*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoli*, to confirm the Peace with those Governments, and to deliver his Majesty's Presents to them.

From the twentieth of *November* to the twenty seventh of the following Month he lay at *St. Helen's*, before which time all things necessary for his Voyage could not be, or at least were not, in a Readiness, and then he sailed, leaving behind him two or three of the smaller Ships at *Portsmouth* and *Plimouth*, to convoy the Storeships and Victuallers after him.

The twenty ninth in the Evening he took his Departure from the Land, being joined by most of the Ships he had left behind, and

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He sails and sends in his Convoys to Portugal.

also the Victuallers from *Portsmouth* and *Plimouth*, and the fourth of the next Month, near the length of the Northward Cape, he appointed a Convoy to the Ships bound to *Oporto*, and other Places thereabouts. Two Days after he sent in with the *Lisbon* and *St. Ube's* Ships three Third Rates, two Fourth Rates, and a Fireship, being informed that there were five Sail of the Enemy either off of the Rock of *Lisbon*, or Cape *St. Vincent*.

The thirteenth at Night, as he was standing E. by S. the Wind N. by E. about ten Leagues from Cape *St. Vincent*, he saw four big Ships, and immediately made the Signal for some of his Squadron to endeavour to speak with them; but they bearing away, and it being dirty Weather, ours were called off, to prevent losing Company. Next Morning he discovered six Sail astern of him, about seven Leagues N. of Cape *St. Vincent*, for which he lay by with little Wind, that so, if they were some of his own Number, they might come up, or if Enemies, give an Opportunity to his Ships to get together.

The Wind was contrary the fifteenth at Night, but it veering about in the Morning to the N. N. W. he made sail, and presently saw four *French* Ships of War, one of them larger than the others, about three Leagues to Windward of the Fleet, near *Lagos*, and two more at a distance under the Shore. This induced him to command all the Merchant Ships to bear down to Leeward of him, for their better Security, and he ordered Vice-Admiral *Hopson*, and five Sail more, to chase to Windward; but the Enemy's Ships being clean, and at a considerable Distance, there was no coming up with them.

Rear-Admiral Nevil sent in quest of some French Ships off Cape St. Vincent.

Sir Francis Wheler arrives at Cadiz.

A Council of War determined that Rear-Admiral *Nevil*, with the *Warspight*, *York*, *Chatham*, and two *Dutch* Men of War of seventy Guns each, with two Fireships, should stand away towards Cape *St. Vincent* in quest of them, and having cruised there six Days to join the *Lisbon*, *St. Ube's*, and *Oporto* Convoy, and bring them to *Cadiz*, where Sir *Francis Wheler* himself arrived the nineteenth of *January*, having lost Company in his Passage with no more than one of the one hundred sixty five Ships he carried with him from *England*, for the *Canary* Convoy separated before at a convenient Station.

An Account of the Spanish Armada.

In *Cadiz* Bay he found the *Spanish Armada*, being about sixteen Sail, but all unrigg'd. Their Admiral assured him they should be ready about the latter end of *March*, though, according to the Dispatch they usually made, some Months more might reasonably have been allowed them. Of the *Dutch* seven accompany'd him from *England*, two more he found at *Cadiz*, and four others were suddenly expected as Convoy to their Trade, but in the room of them the like Number were to return home; so that considering the Convoys he was to appoint, the Smallness of the Squadron, and the Uncertainty of timely Assistance from the *Spaniards*, he was not a little doubtful of the Success of the Expedition.

The Flota arrived safe in Cadiz Bay.

The *Flota* he found safely arrived in *Cadiz* Bay, so that his Care for them was at an end; and the twenty fifth of *January* Rear-Admiral *Nevil* returned with the Ships ordered to cruise off of Cape

St. Vin-

St. Vincent, having there luckily joined the beforemention'd Convoys, when in sight of the *French Squadron*.

After he had appointed two Third Rates, two Fourth, and a Fireship, with four *Dutch Men of War*, two whereof were Ships of seventy Guns, to convoy the homeward-bound Trade, and given Vice-Admiral *Hopson* the necessary Instructions for the Performance of that Service, he put to Sea, having not had a Westerly Wind, after he was ready to sail, before the tenth of *February*; but when he had gotten the Entrance of the Streights open, he was forced to bear up again for the Bay of *Bulls*, where he anchored the next Day.

Vice-Admiral Hopson ordered home with the Trade, and Sir Francis Wheeler sails, but is forced back. He sails again.

The seventeenth in the Afternoon he sailed from thence, and being off of the Bay of *Gibraltar*, he lay by with an easy Gale at West; but the next Morning about two a Clock made sail again, with little Wind Northerly. At seven the Wind came up at S. E. then to the E. N. E. with Thunder, Lightning, and Rain; so that the Fleet laid their Heads to the South, but at One in the Afternoon they wore, and lay Northward under a main Course, it blowing a hard Gale at E. S. E. the Hill of *Gibraltar* bearing W, S. W. distant about six Leagues. At four a Clock the Land Westward of *Fuengirola* (which is about two Leagues from *Malaga*) was seen N. E. by E. and between Four and Five the Squadron went about, but Rear-Admiral *Nevil* getting his Tacks on board, stood Southward, lying up S. E. under his Courses. At Six the Admiral himself hauled up his Fore, and tried with his Mainsail, with his Head Southward; but at Twelve at Night the *Dutch Vice-Admiral Callemberg*, made the Signal for coming to sail, and Rear-Admiral *Nevil* doing the like, got his Foretack aboard. About one it blew very hard, and his Foresail being lost, he was forced to lie under a Mainsail and Mizzen all Night. Next Day, about Five in the Morning, the Rear-Admiral's Mainsail also gave way, and seeing about an Hour after the Southward part of the Hill of *Gibraltar* W. S. W. of him, at the Distance of about three Leagues, and at the same time fourteen Sail of the Fleet to Windward, some under their Mainsails, others under their Mizzen only, and some without Masts, he immediately brought a new Foresail to the Yard, and hoisted his Ensign, thereby to give Notice to the other Ships of the Fleet, which were in sight, of his seeing the Land; and himself discerning the Mouth of the Streights, he stood away for it, as did Vice-Admiral *Callemberg*; but other Ships having the Bay of *Gibraltar* open, and mistaking it, in all Probability, for the Entrance into the Streights, put in there, not being able to see the Land Westward by reason of the Haziness of the Weather, with much Rain, which occasioned their running into that unhappy Misfortune; for it being a Lee Shore, foul Ground, and their Sails flying in pieces into the Air, they were forced to let go their Anchors, of which many were lost, most of their Cables spoiled, and some of the Ships forced on shore.

A violent Storm.

The Ships receive Damage in their Sails, &c.

Several Ships mistake the Bay of Gibraltar for the Streights Mouth, and run ashore.

The Rear-Admiral foreseeing the Danger, was not able timely to give them notice of it, but stood away directly through the Streights,

Rear-Admiral Nevil and others bear away through the Gut.

as hath been before observed, and at Night got into *St. Jeremy's Bay*, on the Coast of *Barbary*, where he plied to and fro (it being then a Weather-shore, and smooth Water) until the twenty third, at which time a small Gale coming up Westerly, he made the best of his way for *Gibraltar*, and had there the melancholly News of the Loss of *Sir Francis Wheler*, whose Ship, the *Suffex*, founder'd in the Storm, and only two *Turks*, of five hundred and fifty Men, were saved, the Admiral's Body being not long after taken up on the Shore very much mangled.

The *Suffex* founder'd, and *Sir Francis Wheler* drowned.

Besides this Loss, there were many others, both as to Ships and Men, a particular Account whereof (as near as it can be collected) is hereafter mentioned, *viz.*

	Men.
Other Losses. The <i>Cambridge</i> , a Ship of seventy Guns, was forced on shore about Four in the Morning, and lost _____	100.
The <i>Lumley Castle</i> had the like Misfortune near Ten at Night, and lost _____	130.
The <i>Serpent</i> Bomb-Vessel founder'd, and lost _____	15.
The <i>William</i> Ketch ran on shore, and lost _____	15.
The <i>Mary</i> Ketch founder'd, and lost _____	16.
The <i>Great George</i> , a <i>Turky</i> Ship, ran on shore, and lost _____	90.
The <i>Aleppo</i> Factor ran on shore, and lost _____	3.
The <i>Golden Frigate</i> of <i>Venice</i> ran on shore, and lost _____	23.
The <i>Berkshire</i> , a <i>Turky</i> Ship, ran on shore, and lost _____	15.
The <i>Indian Merchant</i> , another <i>Turky</i> Ship, ran on shore, and lost _____	1.
The <i>William</i> , bound for <i>Leghorn</i> , ran on shore in the Evening, and lost _____	1.
	409.
Lost in the <i>Suffex</i>	448.
	In all 857.

The *Hollandia*, a *Dutch* Ship of seventy Guns, ran on shore in *Gibraltar* Bay, but got off again, with the Loss of all her Masts.

Several other Ships, both *English* and *Dutch*, were on the Ground, and few or none of the whole Squadron escaped without considerable Damage.

The Squadron re-unites at Gibraltar.

But the greatest part of them being got together at *Gibraltar*, it was thought advisable by a Council of War, to repair to the Bay of *Cadiz* with all such Ships as were in a Condition, since it was judged they might be there most safe from the *French*; but in doing that they were prevented by contrary Winds until the beginning of *May*.

I lately mentioned the Orders which were given by *Sir Francis Wheler* to Vice-Admiral *Hopson*, for returning from *Cadiz* to *England* with the Trade, after he had staid a certain time there; but before he could leave that Place, the Governor thereof received an Order

Order from his Catholick Majesty, directing him to give an Account to the Captains of the *English* and *Dutch* Ships of the Motion of the Enemy, to prevent any Surprize should they leave that Port: However, the Vice-Admiral having a fair Opportunity, failed with his Convoys, and arrived off of the Land's End of *England* the fifth of *April* 1694.

Vice-Admiral Hopson arrives in England with his Convoys.

Rear-Admiral *Nevil* had also Advice at *Cadiz*, that on the fourth of *May* there passed by *Gibraltar*, to the Eastward, a Fleet of fifty three Sail, thirty five of which appear'd to be large Ships, but that not any of them shewed their Colours; and this was the Squadron ordered from *Brest* to join that at *Tboulon*, which had been some time before within the Streights, and burnt four *Spanish* Men of War in their Passage to *Barcelona* with Soldiers.

The Brest Squadron got into the Streights. 1694.

The *Spaniards* about this time had a Defeat in *Catalonia*; and in the beginning of *June* the Duke of *Offuna* was ordered from Court, with Power to fit out the Galleons at *Cadiz*, that so they might join our Forces; but he died on the Road, and, as some thought, not of a natural Distemper.

The Duke of Offuna, coming to Cadiz to fit out the Galleons, dies.

Thus stood Affairs in that part of *Europe*; but soon after, Admiral *Ruffel*, with the most considerable part of the Fleets, both *English* and *Dutch*, then in Pay, arrived at *Cadiz*, after he had left the Lord *Berkeley*, Admiral of the Blue, with the Remainder for the Expedition against *Brest*; an Account of whose Proceedings, from the time he sailed from *St. Helen's*, as also of the ill Success our Forces had in the Attempt they made on that considerable Port of the Enemy's, I shall now proceed to give you.

CHAP. XIII.

Admiral Ruffel's Proceedings with the Fleet in the Chanel, with an Account of the Attempt made on Brest, and other French Towns.

THE whole Fleet being at *St. Helen's*, and the Forces design'd on Service against *Brest* on their March towards *Portsmouth*, where they were to embark, Mr. *Ruffel* gave Order to Sir *Cloudefly Shovell*, on the third of *May*, to remain there with three First Rates, nine Seconds, thirteen Thirds, seven Fourths, four Fifths, and three of the Sixth, until the Men belonging to them were paid, and to consider during that time how many of the Land Forces (supposed to be about six thousand) each Ship could conveniently take on board, and what Numbers might embark in the Tenders left there for that purpose, wherein he was ordered to advise with Lieutenant-General *Talmarsb.*

Mr. Ruffel leaves Sir Cloudefly Shovell to take in the Forces at Portsmouth design'd against Brest.

He fails into
the Sound-
ings with the
rest of the
Fleet.
His Advice
when the
French sailed
from Brest.

With the rest of the Fleet the Admiral failed, and reached the appointed Station, which was fifteen Leagues S. S. W. from the *Lizard*, the nineteenth of *May*, where he was informed by the Master of a *Swedish Ship*, who came from *Brest* but three Days before, that the Ships which had for some time been ready to fail from that Port, departed thence the twenty fifth of *April* O. S. with a strong Easterly Wind, and that forty or fifty Merchant Ships lay in *Bertheaume* Bay, bound Eastward under Protection of a Man of War or two. Upon this he ordered the *Monmouth* and *Resolution*, with a Fire-ship, to go between the Trade-way and the Main, and endeavour to take or destroy them. Captain *Pickard*, who commanded them, brought with him into the Fleet two of the Vessels, a large Flyboat, and a Pink, loaden with Salt, having, as he reported, forced on shore thirty five Sail.

Some French
Merchant
Ships destroyed
in Berthe-
aume Bay.

When the Fleet had been some Days in the aforesaid Station, it was judged necessary to repair to *Torbay*, that so the other part thereof, with the Soldiers, might be the sooner joined: In order whereunto, the Admiral wrote to Sir *Cloudesly Shovell*, letting him know, that if the Wind continued Westerly he had thoughts of coming to *Spithead*, but if Easterly, to remain in *Torbay* for him. Sailing according to this Resolution, he arrived at *St. Helen's* the twenty third, and applied himself with the greatest Diligence towards the Distribution of the Land-Forces, and compleating the Provisions, that so an Opportunity of the first fair Wind might not be lost; and Cruisers were ordered on proper Stations to gain Intelligence.

The Admiral
arrives at St.
Helen's.

sails again
from thence

All things being dispatched, he failed, and by stopping of Tides, got off the *Berry-Head* the second of *June*, being confirmed in his former Opinion by other Advices he had received, that the *French* Ships were gone from *Brest* to *Thoulon*.

It was agreed that when the Fleet was in a proper Station, the Squadron appointed to act with the Land-Forces should separate upon making the appointed Signal, and steer away for *Brest*, and that then the Admiral himself should take his Course towards the *Mediterranean* with the Remainder: And, that no time might be lost, he prepared Orders, before he failed from *St. Helen's*, by which *John* Lord *Berkeley* was directed how to govern himself, the Contents whereof follows, *viz.*

Lord Berkeley's
Instructions for at-
tempting
Brest.

1. He was informed what Ships, both *English* and *Dutch*, were to be under his Command, and directed to proceed with them to *Brest*, and when there, to land the Officers and Soldiers in such manner, and at such Place, or Places, as should be agreed on by a Council of War of the General-Officers, both at Sea and Land, who were to consider, before they arrived at *Brest*, how the Forces might be best assisted by the Ships, either in going on shore, or otherwise, as also when it might be most proper for the Squadron to go into *Brest* Water, to assist in the carrying on the Design against the Town, and the Ships there.

2. When they had done all they were able against *Brest*, it was to be considered what Service might be performed on any other of the

the *French King's Ports*, and how the same might be most effectually put in Execution.

3. And when a Council of War should judge that no farther Service could be done, either by Sea or Land, and think it adviseable to have the Forces taken on board again, he was to cause the same to be performed, and then repair to, and remain in *Torbay*, or at *Spithead*, until he received Orders from the King, or the Lords of the Admiralty.

4. His Lordship was also directed to use his best Endeavours to protect the Forces, at all times when it should be thought proper to land them, and to embark them again: And if the General Officers should at any time judge it necessary to have part of the Seamen put on shore, to strengthen the Troops, and that the Ships might conveniently spare them, he was to appoint such a Number as the said General Officers should desire, or at least so many as he could without hazard of the Ships.

Having now given you the Contents of the Instructions to the Lord *Berkeley*, it will appear by the following Account what Naval Strength was sent with him on this Service, *viz.*

Rates.			Number.
1	—	—	3
2	—	—	4
3	—	—	12
4	—	—	1
5	—	—	2
Fireships	—	—	10
Hospitals	—	—	3
Brigantines	—	—	3
Besides Bomb-Vessels, Advice-Boats, &c.			

The Naval Strength with Lord Berkeley.

Dutch.

Ships of the Line of Battel	—	19
Fireships	—	4

For the more regular carrying on this Design, his Lordship was ordered to cause the Ships and Vessels beforementioned, as well as the Tenders and Well-Boats, (which latter were particularly built for putting Men on shore) to keep near the Flags whereto they were respectively appointed, and to shift their Pendants accordingly, that so when the Signal should be made for parting, each might follow his proper Flag without Confusion; for at this time there were not many of the Officers who knew the Fleet was to be thus divided.

Care being taken as to that part of the Fleet bound to *Bress*, and *Camaret Bay* appointed the Rendezvous in case of Separation, the Admiral considered what was necessary to be done with respect to the Ships which were to proceed with him in the *Mediterranean*; and knowing what ill Consequences might attend Separation, in case

the Ships so separated knew not certainly where to join again, he gave to each Captain the following Rendezvous, *viz.*

The Rendezvous given by the Admiral of the Ships designed for the Straights.

That if they happened to lose sight of the Fleet when fifty Leagues S. W. from the *Lizard*, and that the Winds blew so strong Westerly as to oblige him to bear up, they should repair to *Torbay*: But that if they happened to lose Company in a Fog, or by any other Accident, when to the Eastward of the aforesaid Station, they should make the best of their way fifteen Leagues West from Cape *Spartell*, and remain there until joined by the Fleet, or that they were otherwise ordered; and they were strictly forbid to chase out of their way, on any Pretence whatever, or to discover where they were bound to any Ship or Vessel they should meet with. But since they might probably join him before he reach'd the Rendezvous near Cape *Spartell*, he let them know, that, as the Winds proved, he designed to haul in within twenty five Leagues West of Cape *Finisterre*, and within twenty of Cape *St. Vincent*, and that from thence he would proceed directly to the aforesaid Rendezvous: And all the Captains were expressly directed not to break open the Rendezvous which was delivered to them sealed, unless they should happen to be separated with the Wind Easterly, and then informing themselves of the Contents thereof, they were, pursuant thereunto, to repair to the Fleet fifteen Leagues S. W. from the Land's End of *England*.

All things being now adjusted for the Fleet's Separation, a Council of War was called the thirty first of *May* of the Flag and General Officers, who taking into Consideration the several Particulars relating to the Squadron appointed for *Brest*, came to the following Resolutions, *viz.*

Result of a Council of War about attacking Brest.

1. That the Lord *Berkeley* should with the said Squadron make the best of his way to, and anchor in *Camaret Bay*, and the Land-Forces be immediately set on shore; and that the Ships should continue at an Anchor, until they received Advice from General *Talmarsh* of the Condition of the Fort on the Star-board-side going in, and of what Forces he found there.

2. That it was not proper to come to any positive Resolution at what time the Fleet should go into *Brest-Water*, and therefore that Matter was left to be considered when they arriv'd in *Camaret Bay*.

3. That a red Ensign at the Fore-top-mast-head on board the Lord *Berkeley's* Ship, with the firing of a Gun, should be the Signal for the Soldiers to embark on board the small Craft and Boats; and the taking down that Signal, with the firing of two Guns, for their going on shore.

There were present at this Council

Admiral *Russel*,
 John Lord *Berkeley*,
 Sir *Cloudfly Shovell*,
 Vice-Admiral *Aylmer*,
 Rear-Admiral *Mitchel*,

The Marquis of *Carmarthen*,
George Byng, Elq; first Captain to the Admiral.

Lieutenant-General *Talmarsh*,
 Earl of *Macclesfield*,
 Lord *Cutts*,
 Sir *Martin Beckman*.

Dutch.

Admiral *Allemonde*,
 Vice-Admiral *Vanderputt*,
 Vice-Admiral *Schey*,
 Rear-Admiral *Vandergoes*,
 Rear-Admiral *Everfson*,
 Captain *Vander Dussen*.

} *Dutch Flag-Officers.*

The sixth Day of *June* in the Afternoon the two Fleets parted, and since that commanded by the Lord *Berkeley* came soonest to their appointed Service, it may be proper to give an Account first of what was done by them, and then follow the Admiral himself to the Streights. *The Fleet separates.*

My Lord *Berkeley* being arrived in *Camaret Bay*, a Council of War was called on board the Ship *Queen* the eighth of *June*, where was present his Lordship, Lieutenant-General *Talmarsh*, and all the Flag and General-Officers, by whom it was resolved that the Lieutenant-General should go on shore with the Troops as soon as it was possible, and endeavour to make himself Master of the Fort at *Camaret*, and that four or five Frigates should cover him in landing. *Resolution taken about landing near Brest.*

Accordingly a considerable Number of the Forces were put on shore, but the *French Coast* being fortified, and intrenched almost in every Place, our Men received so warm a Reception, that they were soon obliged to return to the Boats, and that too in no little Disorder. *Some of the Forces are put on shore, but repulsed.*

In this Action we lost about six hundred Men; and the Lieutenant-General himself being wounded in the Thigh, died soon after at *Plimouth*. The *Monk*, *Charles Gally*, and *Shoreham*, some of the Ships which were sent in to protect the Landing, and to batter the *French Forts*, were very much shatter'd, and in them, and the others, about a hundred and twelve Men were killed and wounded; a *Dutch Frigate* was sunk, and her Captain killed; besides which, we received many other Damages. *Lieutenant-General Talmarsh dies of his Wound.*

The whole Extent of the Bays of *Camaret* and *Bertheaume* (which lie on each side of the Entrance into *Brest-water*) was in a manner a continu'd Fortification; for where there was any Place to put Forces on shore, there had the *French Batteries* and Retrenchments, and they threw Bombs at our Ships from five or six Places.

As soon as the Land Forces were embarked, a General Council of War was held, and since they found it impracticable to attempt any thing farther at *Brest*, it was considered what might be done *A Council of War called to consider what might be farther done*

with the Fleet and Army. The Lieutenant-General informed them that he had not sufficient Authority to attempt any other Place, and therefore propos'd that a Squadron of small Frigates, with the Bomb-Vessels, might be sent into that Harbour, to try if they could bomb the Town. This was thought by no means advifeable, for the Ships could not go in without a Westerly, nor come out without an Easterly Wind; and since it was not known what Strength the *French* had in that Port, they might run the hazard of falling into their Hands: Besides, one of them was sunk in battering the Forts, and most of the others render'd unfit for Service; so that it was agreed to repair to *Spithead*, as the most proper Place to land the Troops at, and to refit the Ships.

Thus ended this unlucky Expedition; but I cannot leave it without making this Observation, That the *French* would not in all Probability have been in such a Posture to receive our Troops, had not early Advice been given of the Debates and Resolutions concerning this Affair, by *French* Men who were consulted and advised with therein, as hath been before observed.

The Fleet arrives at St. Helen's.

The Fleet sailing from *Camaret* Bay, arrived at *St. Helen's* the fifteenth of *June*, and there Orders were received from the Queen, that a Council of War of the Flag and General-Officers should consider how the Ships and Troops might be best employed, who were of Opinion, that the Fleet should sail to the Coast of *France*, and annoy the Enemy not only with the Bomb-Vessels, but by landing in the Country; and that the same might be better effected, it was desired that some more small Frigates might be sent to the Fleet to sustain the said Bomb-Vessels, which the greater Ships could not do.

A Council of War resolve to annoy the Enemy by bombing, and landing Men.

The eighteenth of *June* another Council was call'd, when it was judged that some Place on the Coast of *Normandy* might with most Success be bombard'd, and that four Regiments would be sufficient to secure the Bomb-Vessels against the Attempts of the *French*, as well as for other necessary Services.

The Fleet being refitted, and the Seamen and Land Forces refreshed, the Queen's Orders were received the twenty seventh of *June*, and thereupon another Council was called, where it was agreed, that since the Wind was fresh Westerly, the Fleet would first proceed and bombard *Dieppe*, and then do what other Prejudice they could along the *French* Coast. Being arrived there, they were prevented in making any Attempt by bad Weather, which not only dispersed the Ships, but damaged some of them in their Masts and Rigging, so that they were constrain'd to return to the Coast of *England*, and anchor off of *Denge Ness*, where the scatter'd Ships and Vessels join'd the fifth of *July*, and sailing thence again to *Dieppe* Road, it was intended to bombard that Town the ninth in the Morning; in order whereunto several of the Bomb-Vessels advanced near in with the Shore, but it blowing hard at Night, they were prevented by the great Sea which then ran.

Dieppe bombard'd.

The thirteenth the Town of *Dieppe* was bombard'd, and so effectually too, that it appeared all in Flames; and the Night before a Machine Vessel was blown up at the Pier-Head, but with little or no Success, occasion'd, as was supposed, by the Head's lying to low. Captain

Dunbar

Dunbar, who commanded this Vessel, behaved himself with great Bravery, for the *Fusée* going out, he went on board again, and set fire to it, for which, both himself and the Men he took with him, were deservedly rewarded.

The Fleet sailed from *Dieppe* the fourteenth in the Afternoon, most of the few Houfes which were standing being on fire, and on the sixteenth the Bombardment of *Havre de Grace* began, which had so good an Effect, that the Town was in Flames in several Places, and burnt all that Night and the next Day; nor was the Fire extinguished the eighteenth, insomuch that it might be reasonably conjectured at least a third part thereof was consumed. The nineteenth the Weather was very bad, so that all the Bomb-Vessels were ordered off, not above five of them being servicable, for the Mortars were either melted, or the Vessels themselves so shattered, that no present use could be made of them, and one of them, called the *Granadoe*, was entirely blown to pieces by a Bomb which fell into her.

Havre de Grace bombarded.

A Council of War agreed it would be losing of Time to stay longer before *Havre de Grace*, and therefore determined to proceed to *St. Helen's*, and endeavour to repair the Damages received; but it was thought adviseable, if Wind and Weather would admit of it, to proceed first to *La Hogue*, or *Cherbourg*, or both, thereby to alarm the *French*, and draw their Land-Forces farther Westward. Accordingly the Fleet sailed, and appeared off of those Places, tho' they met with ruffling Weather. This alarm'd the *French* so much, that they fired several Guns, and made many Fires on shore; but our People being not able to do any Service on them, stretched it over to *St. Helen's*, where they arrived the twenty sixth in the Afternoon, and then all the Bomb Vessels and Well Boats were sent into the Harbour to be refitted, and six of the Regiments were put on shore by the Queen's Order. Some time was spent in getting all things ready, so that the Fleet could not reach the *Downs* (as ordered) before the ninth of *August*, and there a Council of War was called on the seventeenth, upon a Signification of her Majesty's Pleasure, that an Attempt should be made on *Dunkirk*, if it should be thought practicable, and that it might not too much expose the Ships of War at such a Season of the Year on so dangerous a Coast. This Matter was debated, and all the *English* Pilots, with one of the *Dutch*, (the only one in the Squadron) were consulted, who would not undertake to carry a Squadron of Frigates and Fireships into *Flemish* Road; for that the Distance between the Brake and the Wooden Forts was not above Pistol-shot, and that there was not Water enough for the Ships to ride Eastward; nor could they (as they said) come out again with the same Wind which would carry them in. Upon Consideration whereof, and that the Season of the Year was too far advanced, as also that there were no more than five Frigates (not a fourth part of what was necessary to sustain the Bomb-Vessels, and bring off their Men, because of the Number of small Ships and Vessels the *French* might make use of to intercept them) it was agreed by a Council of War, as it was by *Sir Martin Beckman*, Colonel

The Fleet proceeds off La Hogue, Cherbourg, &c. and then repairs to St. Helen's.

The Fleet arrives in the Downs.

A Council of War judge it impracticable to attempt Dunkirk this Year.

lonel of the Artillery, and Mr. *Meefters*, the Inventer of the Machine Veffels prepared for this intended Exploit againft *Dunkirk*, that it was impracticable to attempt any thing at this time on that important Place.

But the Plan of *Calais* having been ſent to the Fleet from *Flanders*, by the King's particular Command, it was the Opinion of a Council of War that ſome Service might be done there, and determined to ſail thither with the Bomb-Veffels; but before the Weather would let them ſtir, the Lord *Berkeley* received Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty, who thereupon called the Sea-Officers together, and conſulted with them only, what Attempts might be made, with Proſpect of Succeſs, upon the *French Ships of War in Dunkirk Road*: And although the Pilots, who were diſcourſed thereupon, abſolutely refuſed to carry in ſo much as a Fourth Rate Frigate, yet it was agreed, that if able Pilots could be procured, well acquainted with the Eaſtern and Weſtern Channels, the Ships in the Road might be deſtroy'd upon a Spring Tide (the only proper time for doing it) with double the Number of Frigates to thoſe of the *French*, ſome Fireſhips, Brigantines, and other Tenders.

But now the Winter Season being advanced, the Three-Deck Ships were ordered to the *Nore*, and the Lord *Berkeley* coming to Town, the reſt of the Fleet was put under the Command of Sir *Cloudeſly Shovell*, who was in daily Expectation of proper Pilots for making the Attempt on the Ships at *Dunkirk*; but ſoon after Rear-Admiral *Hopſon* (who, with ſeveral *Dutch Ships*, was off of that Port to watch the Motions of *Monſieur du Bart*) informed him that all the Pilots with them were very averſe to carry in our Ships, not but that it was his Opinion, as it was of the Captains of each Nation, that with twelve Frigates, and eight Fireſhips, with the Sloops and Brigantines, as Sir *Cloudeſly* had propoſed, Service might be done on the Enemy's Ships.

About this time Mr. *Meefters* (who I have before mentioned) made a Propoſal for the deſtroying the Forts before *Dunkirk* with his Machines; but whatever Succeſs might have been hoped for from thoſe Veffels in the miſt of Summer, there was but little Probability of their doing much Service at this Season of the Year, ſo that it was not particularly inſiſted upon that Sir *Cloudeſly Shovell* ſhould attempt the Forts, but Orders were ſent him to proceed to the Coaſt of *France*, and not only endeavour to keep in the Ships, but to attempt them if practicable; if not, to ſend the Bombs, Machines, and other Veffels to the *Nore*.

Purſuant to theſe Orders he failed, but was obliged to anchor off of the South *Foreland* the fifth of *September*, to ſtay for the ſmall Craft, which ran no little Hazard at this time of the Year, ſome of them being no bigger than Long Boats. Here he received a Letter from Mr. *Meefters* at *Oſtend*, by which he ſeem'd confident of doing conſiderable Service with his Machines at *Dunkirk*, and let him know, that, in Order thereunto, he was coming to the Squadron with all the Haſte he could. This made Sir *Cloudeſly Shovell* repair to the *Downs*, becauſe there Mr. *Meefters* might much more

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The Three-Deck Ships ordered to the Nore.

Mr. Meefters propoſes the deſtroying the Forts at Dunkirk.

conveniently have put his Vessels into a Condition for his Enterprize.

Mr. *Meefters* arrived in the *Downs* the seventh with about twenty six *Dutch* Pilots, and (among other things proposed by him for the better effecting his Design) he desired that a Captain might be appointed to command the small Ships, with Instructions to follow his Advice in sailing and anchoring. That he might be gratified in this Particular, Captain *Benbow* (afterwards a Flag-Officer) was appointed to that Command, and on the eighth of *September* Orders were sent to Sir *Cloudefly*, that in case those Pilots Mr. *Meefters* had brought with him from *Flanders*, would undertake to carry in such Ships as should be thought necessary, he should proceed and attempt the Pier, Harbour, and Town, or the Ships in the Road.

Mr. Meefters comes to Sir Cloudefly Shovell in the Downs with Dutch Pilots.

The Squadron being on the Coast of *Flanders* with a Northerly Wind, Mr. *Meefters* acquainted Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* that his Pilots were of Opinion the *French* could not carry out their Ships at the East Chanel of *Dunkirk*, wherefore he anchored in *Graveline Pit*, and the Boats and Brigantines went before *Dunkirk* under the Protection of the *Sally-Rose*, and founded to make themselves the better acquainted with the Western Chanel between the Brake and the Main; for all the Pilots, unless it were two or three, declared themselves ignorant of that Passage. Captain *Benbow* found the Narrow to be above three Cables length in Breadth, and in Depth from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to seven Fathom, at low Water; and the Brigantines and Sloops, which lay to and fro on the Back of the Brake, discovered a large Chanel of seven, eight, nine, and ten Fathom at low Water, about a Mile and a half broad, and somewhat more, that is, so far as they went into it, which was until they had *Dunkirk* South of them.

Captain Benbow founds the Passage into Dunkirk, and gives an Account.

The Sight of our Vessels, put the *French* into a great Consternation, and a Frigate of about twenty Guns that lay in the Road fired very smartly at our Boats which were got within the Brake. Many Guns, and some Bombs were also fired from the Citadel, the *Ris-Bank*, and the Forts at the Pier-heads, and as five of their Frigates, from forty to fifty Guns each, were hawled out of the Basin, and rigged, so were there three or four small Ships placed in the Chanel between the Pier-heads and the Town; but notwithstanding all this, our little Fleet of Boats, &c. came off in the Night without any Damage.

The French at Dunkirk in a Consternation.

Next Day the Wind shifting from the North to the North-East, and it being fair Weather, all the Boats and small Vessels were sent in again, as was the *Charles Gally*, two Bomb-Vessels, and some of the Machines, which Mr. *Meefters* had appointed; and when the Vessels came near the Brake, the *French* Frigate which lay without got up her Anchor, fired her Broadside, and ran into the Pier.

The Boats and some of Mr. Meefters Machines sent in.

In the Afternoon two of the Machines were blown up at a little Distance from the Pier heads, but without Success; nor was there any great Hopes of better Service from the rest, for the *French* had driven Piles without those Heads, and sunk four Ships on the Back of the Westernmost Pier very advantageously.

Two of the Machines blown up without Success.

Mr. Meesters returns to the Downs, and the Bomb-Vessels are sent for, but bad Weather prevented any Service.

Mr. Meesters now informed Sir *Cloudesty* that, since the Spring-Tide was past, his Pilots would not undertake to carry the Ships through the Sands to the Eastward of *Dunkirk*, and that therefore he thought it not proper to continue longer with his Vessels on the *French Coast*, so that they were sent to the *Downs*, and at the same time a small Frigate was ordered thither with Sir *Martin Beckman*, to bring the Vessels which were designed to bombard *Calais*, who arriving with them the sixteenth, the Squadron forthwith proceeded off of that Place, but the Weather proved so very bad several Days that little Service was done, for both the Ships of War and others were constrained to come into the *Downs*, from whence the Bombs and Machines were sent into the River of *Thames*.

Thus ended our Attempts on the *French* at Home this Year; and although I will not pretend to make an exact Computation of the Expence these Bombardments put the Nation to, yet I do verily believe it was more than equivalent to the Damage the Enemy sustain'd from them.

C H A P. XIV.

An Account of Admiral Ruffel's Proceedings with the Fleet in the Mediterranean to the Time of his Return to England.

Admiral Ruffel arrives off of the Rock of Lisbon.

Rear-Admiral Nevil ordered to join him from Cadiz.

MR. *Ruffel*, as I have said before, parted with the Lord *Berkeley* on the sixth of *June* 1694, and on the twenty fifth of that Month he got into the Latitude of thirty nine Degrees, off of the Rock of *Lisbon*, at which time the *Mary* and *Adventure*, under Command of Captain *John Jennings*, were sent to Cape *St. Vincent*, where, or at some Place thereabouts, he was ordered to send his Boat on Shore for Intelligence whether the Enemy were, or had been on that Coast; and if he gained certain Advice of their being there, but that they were not so placed as to prevent the *Adventure's* passing them, he was to send her to the Bay of *Cadiz*, with a Packet to Rear-Admiral *Nevil*, (a Duplicate whereof he was also ordered to dispatch to him by Land) by which he was required to sail with all the Ships under his Command, except the *Turkey* Convoy, and join the Fleet; and for his better Government therein, the Admiral let him know that he designed to come South fifteen or twenty Leagues from Cape *St. Vincent*, and (if the Wind continued fair) the same Distance from Cape *St. Mary's*, and then fifteen Leagues from Cape *Spartell*. These Orders he was directed to communicate to Vice-Admiral *Callemborg*, who commanded several *Dutch* Ships, that so he might accompany him, but not to discover the Reason of his Sailing to any but those who necessarily ought to be acquainted with it.

mediately to him with their Colours flying; but notwithstanding his Hopes that this would be complied with, one of the Ships of *Algier* was soon after seized in his Sight by a *Dutch* Man of War, though such Measures were soon after taken for her Release, as that neither his Majesty's Honour, nor the Government of *Algier* suffered thereby: Nor were those People a little satisfied as well as the generous Usage they received in this particular, as in the seeing a Fleet in those Parts superior to what had ever been known there before, or probably ever may be hereafter.

*The Fleet arrives at Carthage-
na.*

The thirteenth of *July* the Confederate Fleet got as far as *Carthage-
na*, the Passage thither having been very tedious, for the Wind had been Easterly from the time they entered the Mouth of the Streights. This Impediment was very unlucky, for the Season of the Year was far advanced, and so much of their Provisions expended, that soon after they could possibly get as high as *Barcelona*, there would be a Necessity of returning again. The *French* having Notice of our Approach retired to the Isles of *Hyerès*, off of *Toulon*, and it was thought that they would either disarm their great Ships, and send Squadrons up the *Levant*, or go with their whole Fleet as high as *Malta*, where they knew very well ours could not pursue them. I must here observe that the principal Reason of our Fleets coming so late into those Parts, was the Delay made at home in the Dispatch of the Troops designed against *Brest*, and shipping them off when at *Portsmouth*; for had that Service been performed a Month sooner, there would have been a fairer Prospect of doing something this Summer within the Streights.

*The French retire to the
Isles of Hyeres.*

The Marquess of *Camarassa*, General of the *Spanish* Gallies, upon the Admiral's approaching *Carthage-
na*, sent a Letter to him desiring to know where the Fleet and the Gallies should join; to which he returned a Compliment, and acquainted him that he intended for *Barcelona* with all Speed.

*The Fleet stops
at Altea to
water.*

The seventeenth of *July* it was determined at a Council of War to stop at *Altea* Bay for a Supply of Water, and that the *Turky* Convoy should remain at *Carthage-
na* until farther Intelligence could be had of the Enemy; to obtain which three Frigates were sent to cruise between Cape *Martin* and *Yvica* for twenty four Hours, and the *Adventure* was ordered eight Leagues, the *Lark* five, and another two Leagues E. S. E. from the Eastermost Part of *Altea* for thirty six Hours. But notwithstanding what was thus agreed, it was, upon farther Thoughts, judged necessary to order the *Turky* Fleet to *Alicant*, and to reinforce them there by two *English*, and one *Dutch* Man of War; and lest they should want Provisions, or other Necessaries, the Consul at *Carthage-
na* was written to to furnish them therewith.

*An Account of
the Spanish
Ships that
saw us.*

The twenty fifth of this Month the Admiral writ to Monsieur *Schonenberg*, Envoy from the States General at the *Spanish* Court, concerning the Circumstances of that King's Affairs; and first as to his Ships which had joined the Fleet, he acquainted them they were in Number ten, four whereof might indeed (for want of better) have been admitted into the Line of Battel, but that the rest were

of but little Force, and withal so rotten that they would hardly bear the firing of their own Guns. He farther observed to him, that the Sea-Port Towns were unprovided both as to Men and all other war-like Preparations, so that it was much to be feared if a small Number of the Enemy's Ships should appear before *Malaga*, or *Alicant*, and attempt to cannonade those Places, they would instantly be abandoned. He also let him know his Doubts that *Catalonia* would not be able to resist the Enemy when the Fleet retired, since the *French Army* (as it was reported) consisted of near twenty five thousand well disciplined Men, with all things necessary, and that the *Spaniards* did not exceed nine thousand, and even they without Tents, or other Materials proper for an Encampment; as also that there was Reason to apprehend if the *French* could make themselves Masters of *Barcelona*, they would soon attempt the Island of *Minorca*, which could not well resist two thousand Men forty Hours, under its present ill Circumstances. In fine, it was his Opinion, and a well grounded one too, that unless the Vice-Roy of *Catalonia* could make some brisk Effort on the *French* soon after the Fleets coming there, that Principality would be in greatest Danger, since he should be obliged to return in very little time, the Ships of the States General having not Provisions for more than all the next Month. Indeed had the *French* proceeded with Vigour, that Country would long before have fallen into their Hands; for there was not an Army capable to resist them, and even most of those that were in Arms seem'd to be more fit for an Hospital than a Camp; nor was there Money to pay them, notwithstanding the large Contributions of the *Catalonians*, the exacting whereof by the General Officers to the utmost Extent, render'd those People so miserable, that in Expectation of better Usage from *France*, a little Matter would have inclined them to a Revolt.

The Admiral acquaints Monsiur Schonenberg with the bad Circumstances of the King of Spain's Sea-Affairs.

At this time a noble Lord * proposed the Fleet's wintering in the *Mediterranean*; but the Admiral acquainted him he could by no means think it adviseable, since there was not any Place fit to receive and protect them but *Mabon*, in the Island of *Minorca*, where there was a total Want of Provisions; nor could any Stores be timely got thither to refit the Ships against the Spring. That as for *Naples*, there was no Defence, and *Messina* was not large enough. But there remained yet another material Objection, which was this; that should such a Strength have been detained from *England* and *Holland* all the Winter, the *French* might have made themselves too strong in the Spring for what could possibly have been fitted out in these Seas.

The Admiral's Reasons against wintering in the Streights.

The first of *August* the Admiral received a Letter from the Marquis *Villena*, Vice-Roy of *Catalonia*, desiring his Opinion in several Particulars, whereupon a Council of War was called, and each Article being considered, the following Resolutions were taken thereupon.

* Earl of Gallway.

Article I. That the better to reinforce the *Spanish* Army, ten thousand, or at least eight thousand Soldiers might be put ashore from the Fleet, to join those they had, and such as should be ordered from the *Spanish* Ships and Gallies.

Answer. That not any of the Ships of his Majesty of *Great-Britain*, or those of the States General had Soldiers on board them.

Article II. That if the first Proposal could not be complied with, the Fleet might go in Pursuit of the Enemy, and endeavour to destroy them.

Answer. That formerly there was not only Hopes of meeting the *French* Fleet off of *Barcelona*, or at Sea, but that they would have given an Opportunity of engaging them, but finding them retired to *Thoulon*, within Fortifications too strong to be forced, the going thither could have no other Effect than losing time; however, if certain Advice could be had that they were at Sea, or in any Port where they might be attacked with Probability of Success, the Fleet would immediately proceed in quest of them.

Article III. How long the Fleet could continue in those Seas?

Answer. That if any Enterprize should be undertaken on the Sea-Coast with his Forces, in order to the regaining any Places from the *French*, in which the Fleet might be assisting, it would be readily embraced, provided it could be done without Delay, for that they had no more Provisions than were absolutely necessary for them in their Passage to *England*.

The Vice-Roy of Catalonia
his Answer to
the Results of
a Council of
War.

The Vice-Roy replied that the only Enterprize which could be made on that Coast was the regaining of *Palamos*, wherein the Sea Forces might be very useful; but that, in such Case, the *Spanish* Army ought to be reinforced from the Fleet; and if that could not be done, he proposed that the Naval Force might make some Invasion on the Coast of *France*, and what Infantry should be wanted for such a Service, he promised to supply from his Army. To this the Admiral said, that the Fleet was provided for an Engagement at Sea, but not to invade the Enemy on Shore, inasmuch that it was not possible for him to furnish any Men to reinforce the *Spanish* Army; but that if he thought it convenient to send a Body of Soldiers in the Fleet and Gallies to attempt *Palamos*, (which is between twenty and thirty Leagues to the Eastward of *Barcelona*) all possible Assistance should be given therein, by arming the Boats and small Vessels on any sudden Assault; to which his speedy Answer was desired, for that it was convenient to proceed in Search of the Enemy's Fleet.

The Admiral
lets him know
the Assistance
he could give
him.

The Spanish
Forces not of
Strength to
attack Pala-
mos.

The Vice-Roy having considered this, acquainted the Admiral that the Forces of his Catholick Majesty were much inferior to those of the *French*, and that having not any Prospect of augmenting them, he did not think it advicable to attempt *Palamos*, or any other Place in which the Fleet could be assisting to him; but desired to know how long he could conveniently stay on that Coast. The Admiral informed him, that, upon his first Representation of the State of *Catalonia*, Care was taken to furnish the Ships of the States-

States-General with fourteen Days Provisions from the *English*, that so the Fleet might stay there as long as possible; but that since there was at this time a general want, and that many Inconveniences might thereby happen by the setting in of Westerly Winds; it was absolutely necessary to retire towards the Streights Mouth in five or six Days.

The Vice-Roy had represented, indeed, that there were Provisions for three hundred and fifty thousand Men for a Day at *Cartbagena*, but it plainly appeared he was very much misinformed in that Particular; for a single Ship which demanded at that Port enough on-ly for seven Days, could not be furnished therewith; nor was there more than two thousand Quintals of Bread; no other Provision having been made, besides what the Admiral himself had given Orders for to the Consul, as he passed up the Streights.

The Vice-Roy misinformed about the Provisions made for the Fleet.

The Vice-Roy was under great Apprehensions, that if the Fleet left the Coast of *Catalonia* while the Season of fair Weather lasted, the *French* would appear by Sea before *Barcelona*; but if they really had such an Intention, it could not have been prevented, since our Ships were not in a Condition to stay longer without running the greatest Hazard; for Provisions could not be supplied from *Spain*, especially in that part thereof, but from Day to Day, which would not only have render'd it impossible for them to return to *England*, but to have proceeded on any pressing Service whatever. But that the *French* might be as long Strangers to our Fleet's retiring as possible, the Vice-Roy was desired to keep it secret, or at least to give it out that we were going Eastward; for by this means the Admiral was in hopes they would not have had any certain Advice until he got as low as *Malaga*, when the Month of *September* would have been well advanced, and in all Probability produce bad Weather. The Vice-Roy was also desired not to let it be known that there was not a Number of Ships to be left in the Streights; because if the Enemy wanted Information in these two Points, they could not easily conclude what Measures to take, until it might be too late for them to attempt any thing considerable.

He is in fear for Barcelona when the Fleet retires.

The ninth of *August* the Admiral wrote to the King of *Spain*, and acquainted his Majesty how much it troubled him that the Fleet could do no other Service than the keeping the *French* from farther Attempts in *Catalonia* during his remaining on the Coast; that he had hopes his Majesty's Troops might have made some considerable Effort, at least have endeavoured to regain *Palamos*, and other Towns, with the Assistance of the Naval Power: And he likewise represented to his Majesty, that unless care was immediately taken to put *Catalonia* into a better Posture of Defence, it would be next to an Impossibility to preserve it many Weeks under his Subjection; and that the Kingdom of *Valencia*, as well as the Sea-Port Towns, were in no better a Condition. That as for the Fleet, since there was no hopes of bringing the *French* to a Battel, or forcing them, with any Probability of Success, at *Tboulon*, nor of employing it so as to do any considerable Service, he designed to return therewith to *England*, but that he could not leave *Barcelona* without inform-

The Admiral writes to the King of Spain, and acquaints him of the ill Posture of his Affairs in Catalonia, &c.

ing his Majesty that the Vice-Roy had not only treated him with all imaginable Civility, but zealously promoted all things that were represented to be necessary.

The fifteenth of *August* two Third Rate Ships, and one of the Sixth Rate were ordered to *Cadiz*, there to refit and victual, and then to convoy the Trade to *England*; and now the Fleet being ready to leave *Barcelona*, a Council of War was called to consider in what manner the same might be done, so as to keep it most private. It was agreed that when they failed an Appearance should be made the first Day as if they were going Eastward, but that in the Night an Opportunity should be taken of getting out to Sea, and proceeding Westward; and the Places necessary for Rendezvous were settled in case of Separation.

An Amusement for the French when the Fleet sailed down the Straights.

Contents of a Letter from the Admiral to the Government of Algier.

Before the Admiral failed, he wrote to the Dey of *Algier*, letting him know that the King his Master had sent his Fleet into the Straights to put a stop to the Proceedings of *France* against *Spain*, and that, notwithstanding their Insinuations that *England* could not spare Ships for those Parts, they thought it convenient to retire from him, and secure themselves at *Thoulon*. He also acquainted that Government that the Summer was too far spent to admit of his coming to their Port, as he had designed, and that therefore he took the present Occasion to assure them of the great Esteem the King his Master had of their Friendship and Amity.

This Letter was sent to *Algier*, and recommended to Consul *Baker*, who was then upon coming from thence, after he had resided there many Years in that Capacity, and that by his discreet and zealous Negotiations, and the particular Friendship the Dey had for him, he had contributed very much to the settling a good and firm Understanding between his Majesty and that Government.

The Admiral, when off of Malaga, does, contrary to Expectation, receive Orders to winter at Cadiz.

Resolved to proceed as high as Alicant.

When the Fleet was got down the Straights as far as *Malaga*, the Admiral (contrary to his Expectations) received Orders from his Majesty, under his Royal Signet and Sign-Manual, dated *August* the seventh, requiring him to continue in those Seas, and to winter at *Cadiz*, for the more effectual preventing the Designs of the *French* in *Catalonia*. Thus a full stop was put to all those Methods which had been determined for proceeding with the Fleet to *England*, and a Council of War being called, it was resolved forthwith to repair up the *Mediterranean* again, as high as *Alicant*, that so the Ships of the States-General might take in the Provisions said to be there ready for them; and several Victuallers being arrived from *England*, Orders were dispatched to *Cadiz* for their going within the *Puntal*, for the Admiral had already taken care to procure as much as might be necessary until his Return thither, which he intended not before some time in *October*, unless he had certain Information that the *French* had disarmed their Ships.

He writes to the Vice-Roy of Catalonia.

He acquainted the Vice-Roy of *Catalonia* that he had Commands to remain in the *Mediterranean*, and desired to hear from him at *Alicant*, and particularly whether he had any Account of the *French*, or that the Fleet might be of Service to that Principality. He also desired Mr. *Stanhope*, our Envoy at *Madrid*, to procure Orders from

from that Court that the *Puntal* might be made clear for the Ships against their Arrival at *Cadiz*, for the more convenient refitting them; and writ very pressingly to the Lords of the Admiralty for a timely Supply of Men and Provisions, and that one of the Commissioners for Victualling might be sent out to take care of that Affair, since it had already given him more trouble than he was any longer able to undergo: And it may be truly said that such care was taken by him therein, that never were Men furnished with better Provisions and Wine, and even that with so good Husbandry to the Publick, that the Crown was not put to more Charge, altho' the Fleet was great, and consequently required very considerable Quantities, than for single Ships formerly: Nay in many Circumstances the Men were victualled considerably cheaper; nor did he boggle at the engaging his own personal Estate to give this so necessary Credit to his Country.

Writes to England for a Supply of Men and Provisions.

Observations about victualling the Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The Fleet being at *Alicant*, the Admiral sent from thence two light Frigates to *Majorca*, and directed the chief Commander of them to apply himself not only to the Vice-Roy, but the Consul also for News; but more particularly for the latter to inform himself from all the *Saetias*, and other small Vessels lately arrived there, whether they had met with any Account of the Enemy. At this time Rear-Admiral *Nevil* was also sent from the Fleet with ten Ships Southward of the Island of *Formentera*, with Orders to cruise between those Parts and the *Barbary* Shore, for intercepting the Enemy's Ships, and protecting ours, which were ordered to cut Wood for the use of the Fleet, and then to return Northward to *Alicant*, between the Islands and Cape *Martin*, if Wind and Weather would permit.

The Admiral sends to Majorca for News.

Rear-Admiral Nevil sent with a Squadron off of Formentera.

During the Fleet's riding before *Alicant* the Admiral was taken dangerously ill of a Fever, and a Bloody Flux, which in few Days obliged him to go on shore, and iny self at that time falling under the same Distemper, attended him: But that the Fleet might not lie idle in his Absence, he gave Orders to Vice-Admiral *Aylmer* to take upon him the Command thereof, and to proceed and join the Ships with Rear-Admiral *Nevil* as soon as possibly he could. It was particularly recommended to him to endeavour to gain Intelligence of the Proceedings of the *French*, and to prevent their getting out of the *Mediterranean*, in order whereunto he was to place himself in such Stations, and to employ the Ships of the Fleet in such manner, as should from time to time be judged most adviseable by a Council of War; and upon meeting the Enemy's Fleet, or any part thereof, he was directed to use his best Endeavours to come up with and destroy them, and to chase them with the whole Fleet, or such a Number of Ships as should be thought most proper, without having any regard to his being on shore, or expecting farther Orders from him for his Proceedings. It was also recommended to him to take care upon his discovering any *French* Squadron standing Westward, and endeavouring to pass the Streights, that such a Number of Ships as might at least be equal to their Force were sent after them as far as they should go, or until such time as they could come up with and

The Admiral taken dangerously ill, and the Fleet committed by him to Vice-Admiral Aylmer.

Instructions to Vice-Admiral Aylmer.

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attack them, and to proceed himself with the Remainder to *Cadiz*, where he was to remain for farther Order. But if he did not see the *French* in six Days after his being at Sea, or gain Information that they were come from *Thoulon*, he was to repair with the whole Fleet to *Alicant*; for by that time the Admiral had hopes he might be in a Condition to return on board.

Mr. Aylmer ordered to consider of several Particulars at a Council of War.

Pursuant to these Orders Mr. *Aylmer* put in Sea with the Fleet, but meeting with nothing remarkable, returned the tenth of *September*; however the Admiral being not then recovered of his Sickness, he sent him Orders to call a Council of War, and maturely to consider of the several Particulars following, that so no time might be lost when he himself could be able to return, and take upon him the Command,

1. Whether it was necessary for the Fleet to continue within the Streights?

2. Whether it might be convenient, when they return'd to *Cadiz*, to leave some Ships either within or without the Streights, for intercepting any of the Enemy's Ships that might attempt to proceed into the Northern Seas: And if so, what Number of each Rate, and on what Station they might most properly lie to effect the same?

3. And since it was reported that the *French* kept their Ships at *Thoulon* in a constant Readiness to proceed to Sea, by which it was reasonable to believe they intended to proceed either with the whole, or part of them to *Brest*, as soon as an Opportunity should offer for their passing the Streights, he was therefore to consider what Ships in the Fleet were in the best Condition, and most proper to follow them, that so the latter part of his Majesty's Orders might be complied with, in case they should make such an Attempt?

Advantages the Enemy had for passing the Streights, and our ill Condition to follow them.

This was the care the Admiral took, notwithstanding his Indisposition had brought him very low; for the *French* kept themselves in a constant Readiness at *Thoulon*, both as to Provisions and Men, so that if they had endeavour'd to pass the Streights, and our Fleet had been at the same time at *Cadiz*, they might have had many Advantages of us; for, in the first Place, most or all of their Ships were kept clean, whereas ours were foul, and consequently little Benefit could have attended their chasing them. Next, there was an Impossibility of doing it, for we had Provisions but from Hand to Mouth, much less for a Squadron for a Voyage to *England*: Besides, whatever the *French* might attempt, upon the score of their being so well appointed, yet considering the ill Circumstances of most of our Ships, the Hazard would not have been inconsiderable, in sending them home at a Season of the Year wherein they must have been exposed to the worst of Weather, especially the nearer they drew towards our Chanel; nor indeed were they sufficiently mann'd for such a Voyage.

The Admiral received Intelligence from the Vice-Roy of *Catalonia* of the *French* Fleet's being at Sea, and the Count of *Majorca* acquainted him that he had met with the like Information; but he had other Advices, more to be depended upon, that they were har-

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boured at *Thoulon*. However, that he might not want a constant and true Account of their Motion, he desired the said Consul to hire some proper Vessel, and to send her from time to time to *Thoulon*, loaden with Goods that might most conveniently, and with least Suspicion, be vendd there, under the care of some trusty and discreet Person, who might inform himself, and give frequent Accounts of the Circumstances of the Enemy's Fleet. And lest they should attempt to pass thro' the Streights along the *Barbary* Shore, a Frigate was sent to *Oran*, whose Commander was directed to inform himself whether they had been seen off of that Coast, and then to join the Fleet, another being sent on the like Errand along the said Coast as low as *Tetuan*.

Methods taken for getting Intelligence.

The Court of *Spain* was now informed that his Majesty had ordered the Fleet to remain in the *Mediterranean*, and thereupon a Memorial was sent to the Admiral, by order of his Catholick Majesty, from Don *Alonso Carnero*, Secretary of the Universal Dispatch, proposing, among other things, that the Fleet might winter at *Port Mahon*. The Admiral returned him for Answer, "That he was not a little surprized at such a Proposition, for that not any thing could be had from the Island of *Minorca*, should the Fleet be under never so pressing Necessities. Besides, all the Stores and Provisions to be sent from *England* must, in such case, have been brought to *Port Mahon*, so that the *French* would have had a large Sea to range in search of them; and should there have happened a want but of the least thing for enabling a Ship to proceed on Service, there she must have lain, until such time as it could have been conveyed to her from *Cadiz*, or *Naples*: Whereas if the Fleet wintered at *Cadiz*, as the King had ordered, it would then be in his Power to send Ships from thence to protect any Supplies coming from *England*, or to furnish himself there upon any emergent Occasion.

The Spaniards propose the Fleet may Winter at Port Mahon. The Admirals Objections thereeto.

The Admiral being now in a better State of Health, he repaired on board the Fleet in the Road of *Alicant*, and having given the necessary Orders, and appointed the Rendezvous in case of Separation, both within and out of the Streights, he sailed and arrived at *Cadiz* the eighth of *October*, but first sent thither some light Frigates, that so they might be timely clean'd in order to their being employ'd as Cruisers.

The Fleet arrives at Cadiz.

His Catholick Majesty having received Advice that the *French* were come to *Palamos*, with a Design to carry on the Siege of *Barcelona*, he desired the Admiral to repair with the Fleet that way, whereupon it was determined, that as soon as the *Dutch* Ships could be furnished with Provisions, the whole Fleet should proceed up the Streights. But the Admiral acquainted his Majesty, "That he much doubted the Truth of the Intelligence, and observed withal, that if some considerable Strength was not put into *Barcelona*, there would be no great occasion for the *French* to draw their Naval Forces thither, for that, under its then Circumstances, he was of opinion it could not hold out against a Siege of four Days.

The French being at Palamos, the King of Spain desires the Admiral to sail that way.

All Vessels
stop'd in Ca-
diz Bay to
prevent In-
telligence.

Resolution
where the
Fleet might
best lie to pre-
vent the Ene-
my coming
through the
Streights.

A great want
of Men, and
the Admiral
writes home
for a Supply,
and two thou-
sand Land
Soldiers.
Groundless
Fear of the
Spaniards,
that the
French would
attack us in
Cadiz Bay.

The Repairs of
the Fleet gone
vigorously in
hand with.

The Admiral endeavoured by all ways to gain Intelligence of the Motion of the Enemy's Fleet, and that they might not have Accounts of his Proceedings at *Cadiz*, he ordered the Ships which rid farthest out in the Bay, to speak with all Embarcations, either coming in, or going thence, and to detain those bound Eastward, until such time as it should be considered whether it might be proper to let them proceed.

The twenty second a Council of War was called, in order to consider how the Fleet might be best posted to prevent the *French* passing the Streights, and it was agreed to repair off of Cape *Spartell* as soon as the Wind came up Easterly, but up the Streights with a Westerly Wind, and anchor off of *Malaga*; nevertheless to return to the Station off of Cape *Spartell* when the Wind should come up Easterly: And several Ships were some Days after sent to cruise off of the said Cape, and along the *Barbary* Shore, Cape *St. Vincent*, and the Rock of *Lisbon*, with strict Orders that upon gaining any Intelligence of the *French* Fleet, they should repair to *Cadiz* Bay with an Account thereof.

At this time there was but little Prospect of Service; nor indeed was the Fleet in any extraordinary Condition for it, the *English* and *Dutch* wanting very near three thousand Men of their allow'd Number; for which reason the Admiral writ to *England* very pressingly for a timely Supply, and withal desired that two thousand well-disciplined Soldiers might be sent out to him: And being informed by the *Spanish* Secretary of State that the People of *Catalonia* were freed from their Apprehensions of the *French* for that Season, but that it was much feared they would attack the Fleet in the Bay of *Cadiz*, he, to divert him from that melancholy and groundless Apprehension, assured him, "That as he would never have above two or three Ships disarm'd at a time, the Enemy would be very daring indeed, if they attempted to force him in that Harbour, unless their Numbers did much exceed his; but that he thought it necessary to put him in mind his Catholick Majesty had not above four Ships which were able to swim, and that if he intended to join any Force to the *English* and *Dutch* the next Spring, some care ought to be taken for putting his *Armada* into a better Condition for Service.

Notwithstanding it had been determined to put forth to Sea with the Fleet, yet since the Weather continued very violent the eighth of *November*, with Rain, Thunder, and Lightning, it was then judged not fit to stir, especially since there was not any News of the *French* Fleet, and that in all Probability they would not venture out when the Winter Season was so very far advanced: Wherefore it was thought necessary to make all possible Dispatch in putting each Ship into the best Condition that might be for Service; a Task not very inconsiderable, regard being had to the Number and Magnitude of the Ships, and the want of several necessary Materials: However the Work was very vigorously carried on, and care was not only taken to prevent a Surprise, but to be in a condition to follow the *French* upon any Intelligence the Cruisers should bring;

bring; for all the Ships not sent within the *Puntals* to clean (which were but few at a time) remained in a constant Readiness for going to Sea, the First and Second Rates with not less than a Month's Water each, and those inferior to them with six Weeks.

The King of *Spain* being in want of Shipping to transport about seven thousand Men from *Italy* to *Barcelona*, desired the Admiral that he would make some Provision for that Service; but his Majesty was acquainted by him, "That tho' he would do his utmost to comply with his Commands in this and all other things, yet it was impossible for him to find Convenience for the Transportation of those Troops, because the Men of War were not able to receive them, and that it would not be safe, even if they could take them on board, considering the Sickness it might occasion, as well to the Seamen as Soldiers, by their being so much pestered: Besides, the sending a Squadron of Ships for transporting such a Number of Men would have wholly obstructed the refitting of the Fleet; and therefore he proposed to his Majesty that a sufficient Number of Transport-Ships might be got ready at *Genoa*, which if his Majesty approved of, he engaged to appoint a proper Convoy for them, since none of the *Spanish* Ships of War were fit for such Service: But even in this Case he desired that he might know the certain time when they would be ready to embark, and that the Design might be kept with all possible Secrecy, for that otherwise he could not well answer for their Security, since the *French* might send from their neighbouring Ports a Squadron to intercept them.

The King of Spain desires the Admiral to transport seven thousand Men from Italy to Barcelona. His Objections thereunto.

The Admiral promises a Convoy to the Transports.

Notwithstanding this the Governor of *Cadiz* delivered him another Letter from the King, letting him know that his Majesty intended five thousand Men only should be transported from *Genoa* to *Savona*, and that care should be taken for Embarcations for those designed from *Naples*: But as for those five thousand his Majesty recommended it to him to cause them to be transported to *Barcelona* on board some of the Ships of the Fleet.

The Governor of Cadiz proposes the transporting five thousand Men only.

The Admiral had some Discourse with the Governor of *Cadiz* on this Subject, who thereupon seemed to be thoroughly convinced that these Troops could not be conveniently received on board the *English* Ships of War; but he was of opinion that *Genoa* would not be the most proper Place to hire Transports for them; whereupon the Admiral offered to assist in providing Vessels at *Cadiz*, and promised he would have a Convoy ready for them, altho' even that would greatly obstruct his Measures. He also assured them that he would write to *England* for the adding two thousand Land Soldiers to the Number already promised; and that his Catholic Majesty might have a true Account of what passed in relation to this Matter, he sent it to him through the Hands of his Secretary of State.

The Admiral discourses him thereupon.

The latter end of *December* several Ships arrived from *England*, and brought the Admiral a Commission by which he was appointed Admiral, Chief Commander, and Captain-General of their Majesty's Navy, and Ships employed, and to be employed in the *Narrow*

Some Officers
and Stores
arrive at Ca-
diz.

Captain Killigrew sent up
the Streights
with a light
Squadron.
His Instructions.

This Squadron
meets with
two French
Ships of War,
and takes
them.

The Dilatori-
ness of the
Spaniards in
fitting their
Ships.

Seas, and in the *Mediterranean*; with which Convoy came some Officers and Artificers, as well as Stores, for refitting the Fleet; not but that the Work was in a great measure already performed.

The *Plimouth*, *Falmouth*, *Carlisle*, *Newcastle*, *Adventure*, and *Southampton*, were sent from the Fleet, under Command of Captain *James Killigrew*, who was directed to proceed as high as *Alicant* in search of some *French* Ships said to have been seen off of that Coast; but if he got not any Intelligence of them, to cruise six Days off of the South End of *Sardinia*, unless himself and the Captains with him should think it proper to run off of *Cape Corsica*. When the six Days were expired he was to fail to *Cape Passaro* the South-East Point of *Sicily*, and about that Island, or between that and *Malta*, to cruise until the twelfth of *February*, for protecting the Trade, and annoying the *French*. When he had so done, he was to call in at *Messina*, and if he found the *Turkey* Convoy there, to accompany them to *Cadiz*, but if they were not arrived, to leave a Letter with the Consul for the Commander in Chief of the said Convoy, whereby he was directed (if Captain *Killigrew* should be come away) to remain at *Messina* for the Security of the Ships, and to give early Advice to the Admiral of his Arrival, unless he should be thoroughly satisfied that the *French* had not any Force to intercept him in his Passage to *Cadiz*; and Captain *Killigrew* was farther directed, if he came down the Streights without the said Convoy, to call at *Leghorn* and *Barcelona*, and to bring from thence what Advice he could get of the Proceedings of the Enemy. In the Execution of these Orders he met with two *French* Ships of War between *Cape Bona*, upon the Coast of *Barbary*, and the Island of *Pantalarea*, with which he himself first engaged, and in a little time his Foremost was shot away by the *Content*, of seventy Guns, nor was it long e'er he was unfortunately killed. The *Falmouth* and *Adventure* fell to work with the other, called the *Trident*, of sixty Guns; but Captain *Norris*, of the *Carlisle*, the sternmost of our Ships, fetch'd just to Leeward of the *Falmouth*, and to Windward of the *Plimouth*, who having fired at the *Trident*, stood after the *Content* with all the Sail he could make, and took her after a Chase of fifty Leagues, her Main-mast, Mizzen, and Mizzen-top-mast being shot by the Board, and the other Ships took the *Trident*; so that this Action preventing their proceeding farther on the Service whereon they were appointed, they brought their Prizes to the Fleet.

The Admiral finding that little or no Preparations were made for equipping those few Ships the King of *Spain* had, he thought it necessary to represent the same to that Court; as also, that if they could not get their Transports ready so timely as that the Convoy he designed to send with them might return by the latter end of *February*, it would not be safe for him to comply with what he had promised as to that Particular, in regard the Enemy would, in all Probability, have part of their Fleet at Sea, even near the Place where the Forces were to be transported, whereby the Ships of War, as well as the said Forces, might be expos'd to the greatest Hazard.

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The fifth of *February* a Supply of Provisions arrived from *England*, and very seasonably too; for there was not only a great Want thereof in the Fleet, but such Victuals as was proper could not be had without great Difficulties in *Spain*.

A Supply of Provisions arrives from England.

The Governor of *Cadiz* at length informed the Admiral that the Transport Ships he had been so long providing there were ready to proceed to *Final* for the Soldiers; but to that he was answered, that the time proposed for the Convoy's going with them was elapsed, and since it was not known what Forwardness the *French* were in at *Thoulon*, and that the whole Fleet would probably be ready to sail in fourteen Days, he thought it proper to consider well of it before he exposed so many of the King his Master's Ships on this Service.

The Governor of Cadiz presses sending the Convoy with Transports, and is told the Fleet would sail in fourteen Days, &c.

The third of *March* the Governor writ him another Letter, earnestly desiring him to send away the Convoy; but the Admiral let him know, that since they were of Necessity to pass by the *French* Ports, it might be of worse Consequence to *Catalonia*, should the Convoy with the Forces be intercepted in their Passage from *Final* to *Barcelona*, than the detaining the Ships some few Days longer at *Cadiz* could possibly be, in order to their going under the Protection of the whole Fleet; and that he was the rather inclined to have a more than ordinary Regard to their Safety, since it was hinted at, both in the *French*, and *Spanish* Prints, that he had promised to detach a Convoy from the Fleet.

The Hazard a separate Squadron would be exposed to.

It was reasonable to think that if the *French* did intend to pass the Streights with the whole, or part of their Naval Force, they would be now drawing down, and therefore the Admiral detached a strong Squadron off of *Cape Spartell*, under Command of Rear-Admiral *Nevil*, to intercept them, should they make such an Attempt; but he was nevertheless at Liberty, as Winds and Weather might happen, to anchor in *Tangier* Bay, or to station himself Eastward of the Streights Mouth, and if he received not Orders to the contrary in twelve Days, he was to return to the Fleet in the Bay of *Cadiz*.

Rear-Admiral Nevil detached with a strong Squadron to hinder the French going through the Streights.

Soon after this the whole Fleet was ready to sail, staying only for the greatest Part of the Victuallers, which were not yet arrived from *England*: But as for the *Spanish Armada*, they were so far from being in a Condition for the Sea that not one of the Ships was careened, so that but little Service could be expected from them: However, the Admiral acquainted the *Spanish* Secretary that he had Hopes their Gallies would be ready at *Barcelona*, because if any thing could be done against the Enemy by landing Men, they would be of great Use, as they might likewise be if he met the *French* Fleet, who doubtless would have theirs in Company with them.

The ill Condition of the Spanish Armada. The Admiral desires their Gallies may be ready.

The embarking the Soldiers at *Final* did greatly trouble the *Spanish* Court, insomuch that on the eighth of *April* the Governor of *Cadiz* pressed very earnestly that a Convoy might be forthwith sent with the Transport Ships, to prevent Desertion, and the ill Consequences which might attend their not being landed before the *French* opened the Campaign in *Catalonia*. The Admiral acquainted him that he was not without Thoughts of all the Inconveniences which might

The Governor of Cadiz presses again the sending a Convoy for the Forces. 1695. The Admiral's Answer.

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might attend a Disappointment of this Nature, and that it did not a little trouble him they would not follow his Advice in providing Transports for the Forces at the Ports in *Italy*; for that very much time had been lost by taking up at *Cadiz* such Ships for this Service as were by Agreement to be first freighted at that Port: However he assured him that as soon as the Weather was fair he would proceed with the whole up the Streights, although he was in great Want of Provisions, but more especially Bread.

Brigadier-General Stuart arrives with the Land-Forces from England.

The Fleet sails from Cadiz.

Not many Days after the Land-Forces under Command of Brigadier General *Stewart* arrived, being his own Regiment, and those of the Marquess *Puizar*, Colonel *Brudenell*, and Colonel *Coot*e, in all, about four thousand five hundred Men, Officers included; and with the same Convoy came the remaining Victuallers, and twelve Bomb-Vessels, so that it was not many Days before the Fleet sailed; but e'er the Admiral left *Cadiz*, he desired the Protection and Favour of the Governor towards the King his Master's Subjects trading thither; and although I do in some Measure know the Reason of this Request, yet I shall not say more of it here, than that there was Occasion to put him in mind of doing so good an Office.

Cruisers sent out, and the Directions given them.

The Fleet being now at Sea, Cruisers were sent on several Stations for Intelligence, with Directions that if they met with any News from foreign Ships or Vessels, they should detain the chief Officer until such time as it could appear whether the same were true or false; for it had often been found that several of them were not overmuch sincere, particularly the *Genoese*, who in that, as well as many other Particulars, did not so behave themselves as might have been reasonably expected.

The Turkey Convoy ordered to remain at Messina. The Fleet comes to Barcelona.

The fifth of *May* Orders were sent to the Commander of the *Turkey* Convoy at *Messina* to remain there in a constant posture of ailing, until an additional Strength could be sent to him; and the Fleet arriving at *Alicant*, but little Stay was made there, for they came to *Barcelona* the eighteenth. Before they anchored in the Bay the Admiral sent to the Marquess *Gastanaga*, and desired to know from him what Intelligence he had of the Enemy's Proceedings, that so he might the better govern himself in appointing a Convoy for the Transport Ships; but to this he received not a very satisfactory Answer.

Invitation to several English, &c. in the French Army to come in to us.

During the Fleet's being at *Barcelona*, the Admiral was well assured that several Subjects of *England*, who had been compelled to serve the *French* King in *Catalonia*, were desirous to return to their own Country, and therefore he issued out several Declarations, promising not only them, but those of other Nations, who would quit the *French* Service, and repair to the Consul at *Barcelona*, that they should be either entertain'd among our Land-Forces, in the marine Regiments, or in the Fleet, and that whenever any of them desired to return home, they should have a Passport so to do. Besides which, each Man, upon his appearing on board the Admiral's own Ship, was promised Clothes; and a Pistole in Money, and this Project had, in a great Measure, its desired Effect.

The twentieth of *May* in the Morning the Admiral sailed, and the next Day directed Rear-Admiral *Nevil* that when he made a Signal, by an *English* Ensign at his Fore-topmast-head, and fired a Gun, he should make the best of his Way to *Final* with five Third Rates, one Sixth, two Fireships, a Brigantine, and an Advice-Boat of the *English*, and three Ships of War of the States-General, of seventy two Guns each. He was directed to take with him the Transport Ships, and to make all possible Dispatch in getting the Soldiers on board, and then to repair to the Rendczvous off of the Isle of *Hyeres*, but if he found not the Fleet there, to come to *Barcelona*; and a Frigate was sent off of the Cape of *Thoulon* for Intelligence of the Enemy's Proceedings.

The Fleet sails from Barcelona, and Rear-Admiral Nevil sent to Final with the Transports.

By Rear-Admiral *Nevil* the Admiral sent a Letter to the Earl of *Galway*, by which he desired his Lordship to let him know whether there was a Probability of doing any Service with the Fleet at the *French* Ports, and particularly if with our Troops, and such Strength as the Duke of *Savoy* could add to him, they, and the Fleet together, might not attempt even *Thoulon* itself with Hopes of Success. This Letter was communicated to his Royal Highness and the Marquis *Leganez*, whereupon a Council being called, it was determined that not any thing could be done therein, for that they thought it reasonable to adhere to their former Resolutions to attack *Casal*, of which Place they soon after made themselves Masters.

The Admiral proposes to the Court of Savoy the attempting Thoulon with their and our Forces His Royal Highness's Determination thereupon.

The first of *June* Sir *David Mitchell*, then Rear-Admiral of the Red, was ordered to proceed off of *Marseilles*, when the Admiral should make the appointed Signal for his so doing, and to take with him one Third Rate, Six Fourths, two Fifths, two Fireships, and two Brigantines of the *English*, and three *Dutch* Ships commanded by Vice-Admiral *Evertsen*. It was recommended to him carefully to observe the Fortifications said to be erected there, and to report his Opinion whether there might be any Probability of doing Service with the Bomb-Vessels: And Brigadier-General *Stewart*, with the Colonels of the Land-Forces, were appointed to accompany the Rear-Admiral, as also Sir *Martin Beckman*, an Engineer, who had the Command of those Vessels: But the next Day a violent Storm arose, which drove the Fleet fifty Leagues to the Southward, under their main Courses only, which made the Ships complain much of Leakings, and the Rear-Admiral was thereby prevented in putting his Instructions in Execution.

Sir David Mitchell sent with a Squadron off of Marseilles.

A violent Storm drove the Squadron fifty Leagues Southward.

Orders were sent the seventh of *June* to the *Turky* Convoy to repair to *Cagliari*, in the Island of *Sardinia*, there to be joined by some more Ships for the greater Security of that Trade, for which purpose the *Newcastle* and *Adventure* were sent thither: And now the Transport Ships being come to the Fleet, they were dispatched with a Convoy to *Barcelona*, and a small Frigate was sent to *Thoulon* to get an Account of the Enemy's Ships in that Harbour.

The Turkey Convoy ordered to Cagliari.

The Transports arrive, and are sent to Barcelona.

Soon after the *Greyhound* was dispatched with Advice to the *Comde de Attamia*, Vice-Roy of *Sardinia*, that the Fleet would suddenly touch there to take in Water; but the Admiral let him know

The Admiral acquaints the Vice-Roy of Sardinia, that the Fleet will come there to water.

it was of great Consequence to keep it a Secret, until such time as he returned again to the *French Coast*, and therefore desired that a strict Embargo might not only be laid, but continued on all the Embarcations in every Part of the Island, untill he should be got to Sea again, that so the Enemy might not have an Opportunity of slipping away Westward; but yet that this Embargo might be laid in such manner as that it might give the least Ground of Suspicion he was coming thither.

The Fleet being supplied with Water, and the *Turky Ships* not yet arrived, the Admiral judged it not convenient to stay longer for them, but left the *Greyhound* with an Order for the Commander of the Convoy, directing him to proceed immediately to *Majorca*, and if he met not with Intelligence of the Enemy or Orders to the contrary there, to repair to, and remain at *Carthage*. But before the Fleet got clear of *Cagliari* this Convoy appeared, and instead of their rendezvousing at *Majorca*, if separated before they came to *Carthage*, *Alfaques*, on the Coast of *Catalonia*, was now appointed, and there they were to remain until some farther Provision could be made for conducting them safely down the Streights.

The *Turky Convoy* ordered to *Alfaques* in *Catalonia*.

The Fleet arrives at *Barcelona*.

The Vice-Roy desires him to proceed to *Blanes*.

The *Turky Convoy* ordered to *Cadiz*.

A Survey taken of the Condition of the Fleet, and the Admiralty acquainted therewith.

The nineteenth of *July* the Fleet arrived off of *Barcelona*, when the Admiral acquainted the Vice-Roy with his Design of going to *Thoulon*, but that if he found there could not be any thing done there, or at *Marseilles*, or that the Duke of *Savoy* proposed not any Service, now *Casal* was taken, he would return to the said Port of *Barcelona*. Soon after this he received a Letter from the Vice-Roy, desiring that the whole, or Part of the Fleet might go off of *Blanes*; whereupon (although a Council of War had before thought it most proper to proceed to the Coast of *Provence*) the Admiral prepared to repair forthwith to that Place, but e'er he sailed he ordered the *Turky Convoy* to *Cadiz*, and from thence to *England*, with some Ships appointed to strengthen them thither.

That the Lords of the Admiralty might be particularly informed of the State of the Ships of the Fleet, with respect to their Hulls, &c. he caused a strict Survey to be taken of them, and thereupon represented that the greatest Part of the First, Second, and Third Rates, were in such a Condition as to require their going to *England* the first Season of fair Weather; but that the *Sovereign*, *St. Andrew*, *Duke*, *St. Michael*, *Sandwich*, *Suffolk*, *Grafton*, *Edgar*, *Warspight*, and some other Ships, ought even at that very time to be sent home, for that should they be continued at *Cadiz* another Winter, it was his Opinion they would hardly be able to swim; for which Reason he assured them that he would rather take his Fortune with a small Strength, than hazard the Nations losing so many Ships; and without them there would remain with him but forty four *English* and *Dutch* from the Fourth Rate upwards.

The Spanish General acquainted how long our Forces could continue on Shore.

He directed Brigadier-General *Stuart* to acquaint the General of the *Spanish* Forces that the Troops could not longer be on Shore than six or seven Days, that so the Vice-Roy might consider how they could be most serviceable to him in that time for the regaining of *Palamos*: And that no Misunderstanding might arise about this

Matter

Matter, he desired that what passed between them might be in Writing.

The Admiral was the more inclined to remain some little time longer at *Barcelona*, because he was not in a Condition to deal with the Enemy, now he had sent so many Ships home under Command of Sir *John Munden*, should they, upon his Approach, come out of *Thoulon* with their whole Strength, at least not until the *Dutch* Ships expected from *Cadiz*, which were Part of their Quota, had join'd him. Nor did he labour under small Difficulties from the various Importunities of the *Spaniards*, and the little Regard they had to the doing even what might have been of Service to themselves, or in the enabling him to contribute towards it; insomuch that he thought himself obliged to represent the whole Matter to the Court of *Spain*, and to let them know how little they had complied with their Promise to him when at *Cadiz*, in assisting him with their Ships of War, and Gallies, according to the Treaty; and withall he told them that he thought the King his Master had been very ill used, and the Affairs committed to his Trust and Charge very much obstructed by their dilatory Proceedings. In fine, that he having promised the Vice-Roy of *Catalonia* all the Assistance he could be able to give him on any sudden Enterprize, if no such thing could be undertaken, he should be necessitated to lay hold of proper Measures for his Master's Interest, and to leave the Management of Matters in *Spain* to their own Conduct.

The Reasons of the Admiral's staying so long at Barcelona.

A reasonable Complaint made by the Admiral, of the little Assistance given by the Spaniards.

The Admiral also acquainted the Vice-Roy that he could not, with Prudence, admit of our Troops marching far into the Country, since their Return might be very uncertain, and that the Fleet would for Want of them be exposed to Hazard should the *French* appear; but that if any Place could be attempted without the Formality of a long Siege he would to his utmost assist in it.

Hereupon the Vice-Roy determined to march towards *Palamos*, designing to be so near that Place on the seventh of this Month, as that when the *English* and *Dutch* Forces were on Shore, an Hour's March might enable them to join him; and by their Assistance he was in Hopes to oblige the Forces in that Place to a speedy Surrender. The Admiral communicated this to Brigadier-General *Stuart*, and it being agreed in what manner the Forces should land, Care was taken to furnish them with Provisions, and all Things necessary; and as a considerable Number of Marine Soldiers were incorporated with them, so was it determined between the Vice-Roy and the Brigadier-General that the Forces should be put on Shore the ninth in the Morning, and that he should follow the Orders of the said Vice-Roy, or any other superior Officer, according to the Discipline of War.

The Vice-Roy determines to march towards Palamos.

All the Long-Boats in the Fleet were got ready, with a Lieutenant, and two Gunners Mates to each, to attend Sir *Martin Beckman*, upon the first Signal that should be made for bombarding *Palamos*; and the Admiral did not only recommend it to the Vice-Roy to give the Brigadier-General the Post due to him on all Occasions, but desired also that the Soldiers might be in Readiness to embark

It is agreed to put the Land-Forces on Shore from the Fleet.

embark upon a Signal of the Enemy's approaching with a Naval Force.

*The Admiral's
Opinion about
attacking Pa-
lamos.*

The Admiral receiving from the Brigadier-General frequent Accounts of his Movements, he let the Vice King know his Opinion, that since the Enemy appeared in *Battalia*, it was to prevent his laying Siege to the Town, and that therefore if his Troops, with the Reinforcement from the Fleet, were not sufficient both to attack the Place, and face the Enemy, there was but small Hopes of carrying it, infomuch that it was most adviseable for the *Spanish* Forces to march off to their former Posts, while he with the Bomb-Vessels endeavoured to lay the Town in Ashes.

*An Account
of the Pro-
ceedings of our
Forces in con-
junction with
the Spaniards.*

Although the Business of the two Armies doth not so properly relate to the Design in hand, yet possibly it may be expected that I should give some farther Account of that Matter; and therefore please to take it as follows, *viz.*

On Friday the ninth of *August* there were landed near four thousand Men, *English* and *Dutch*, the first commanded by Brigadier-General *Stuart*, the latter by Count *Nassau*, and marching by nine in the Morning they encamped at Night half Way between the Landing-Place and *Palamos*. At this time there was no other Account of the Enemy, than that they were at a Place called *Lo Bisbal*, about three Leagues off, but the next Morning, when our Men, who had the Van of the Army, marched into a Defile, they appeared in great Numbers, especially Horse; notwithstanding which our People marching on possessed the Ground designed for them near the Town, and then the whole encamped, as well as any Body of Men could that had not any one Thing necessary for it.

Next Morning the Enemy appeared in *Battalia* upon the Hills, about a League off, and (as the Deserters said) were resolved to come to a Battel, so that all this Day, and the next Night too, the Army lay under their Arms, our Men being not only without Tents, but even the very Bread which the *Spaniards* had promised to provide for them: Nay so little Care had they taken of this, or indeed of any Thing to secure themselves, that had not our People carried on Shore some Pickaxes, Spades, and other Conveniencies, not any Intrenchments could have been made.

Early the next Day the *French* appeared drawn up within half an Hour's March, but after advancing about two hundred Yards they wheeled off; and this gave our Men the first Opportunity of Rest since their landing.

*The Town and
Castle of Pa-
mos bombard-
ed.*

The Admiral now ordered the Town and Castle to be bombarded, which was done so effectually, notwithstanding the Sea ran high, that most part both of one and the other was beaten down, and the Remainder was on fire in several Places. Thus ended the Attempt on *Palamos*; for the Vessel sent to the Coast of *Provence* return'd to the Fleet next Day, and brought two of the Inhabitants of *Toulon*, who positively affirmed that the *French* had sixty Ships of War there, ready in all respects to put to Sea; whereupon the Admiral sent to the Marquis *Gastanaga*, and desired the Troops might be returned, the better to enable him to go in Search of the Enemy, advising

advising him not only to march away at the same time with the *Spanish Army*, but representing how improbable it was for him to take *Palamos*, since our Forces and theirs thus joined were but equal to the Enemy, and barely so too. The Vice-Roy was of the Admiral's Opinion, but all or most of his General Officers were for setting down before the Town; and such was their Uneasiness, that some of them could not refrain letting Words fall to the Prince of *Hesse*, who commanded the Emperor's Forces, which bespoke in them no ill liking to the Interest of the *French*: However, within two Days their Army decamped, and marched to *St. Felix*, from whence they designed for *Ostalic*; and our Troops with those of the States-General, returned on board the Fleet, very little obliged by the *Spanish Officers*; for during the whole time they were on Shore, hardly one of them had an Invitation to partake of so much as an ordinary Repast.

The Admiral advises the Spanish General to retire with his Forces.

He accordingly retires.

The Forces were no sooner embarked than the Fleet proceeded to the Coast of *Provence*, where they met with such violent Storms, accompanied with Rain, Thunder, and Lightning, as render'd a Continuance there very hazardous, so that the Admiral judged it advisable to retire down the Streights, and arriving in *Cadiz Bay* the latter End of *September*, he appointed Sir *David Mitchell*, then Rear-Admiral of the Red, to take upon him the Command of eight Third Rates, and as many Fourths, besides small Frigates, Bomb-Vessels, and others of the *English*, and seven *Dutch Men of War*, from seventy four to fifty Guns, and to employ all, or part of them, in such manner as he judged might be most for the Service, but to put himself under the Command of Sir *George Rooke*, when he should arrive, who was expected with a Squadron of Ships from *England*.

The Forces being embarked, the Fleet sails towards the Coast of Provence, but bad Weather obliges them to retire.

The Fleet arrives at Cadiz. Sir David Mitchell left with a Squadron at Cadiz.

With the rest of the Fleet the Admiral himself sailed for *England*, being one First Rate, seven Seconds, one Third, three Fourths, one Fifth, and three Fireships, besides the *Dutch*, and arrived the Beginning of *November*.

The Admiral sails for England with the greatest Part of the Fleet.

I cannot but take notice here of the Unkindness of the *Spaniards* at *Cadiz*; for Rear-Admiral *Mitchell* applying to the Governor that the sick Men might be put on Shore into the Marine Hospitals, was answered that it could not be admitted without an Order from Court, in regard they had expended much Money the last Year upon that Account. A very gratefull Acknowledgment for the Charge the *English Nation*, as well as *Holland*, had been at on their Score; Not but that (as I am informed) they did, by several Subsidies, enable the *Dutch* to bear part at least of their Expence, but as for the *English*, they had not one Penny more than a certain Quantity of Wine and Provisions, and that of no extraordinary Value, which was equally distributed among the Ships as soon as they arrived in the Fleet.

Unkindness of the Spaniards as to our sick Men.

C H A P. XV.

An Account of Sir George Rooke's proceeding with a Squadron of Ships as far as the Bay of Cadiz, and of his Return to England.

Sir George Rooke arrives at Cadiz.

1695.
Contents of his Instructions.

THE sixteenth of *October* Sir George Rooke with the Ships from *England* arrived in the Bay of *Cadiz*, the Character given him by his Commission being Admiral of the White, and Admiral and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in the *Mediterranean*; and by his Instructions he was required to annoy the Enemy on all Occasions; to prevent their being furnished from these Seas with Naval Stores and Provisions; to take under his Command the Ships of War left at *Cadiz* by Admiral *Ruffel*; and if he received certain Advice that the *French* had passed the Streights with the whole, or part of their Fleet, to follow them, or detach after them such a Strength as might be proportionable to what they had.

A Council of War agree how to send up the Turkey Convoy.

The twenty first of *November* he called a Council of War, where were present himself, Rear-Admiral *Mitchell*, Rear-Admiral *Nevil*, and his First Captain, Captain *Bokenham*. They considered how the Ships bound to *Turky* might be most safely convoy'd thither, and determined that their Guard should consist of four Ships of War, two for *Smyrna*, and two for *Scanderoon*, and that they should be accompanied with a Squadron of four or five more, and two Fire-ships, as far as Cape *Matapan*, the most Southern Promontory of the *Morea*, or higher, if it should be judged reasonable: That then the Squadron should return, and in their Way call at *Algier*, after that cross over to *Alicant*, and so along the Coast of *Spain*, unless they had Advice that the *French* had a stronger Force abroad.

The Fleet very sickly.

The Fleet at this time was very sickly, and with great Difficulty the *Spaniards* were prevailed with to permit one hundred and fifty Men to be lodged in the Hospitals at *Cadiz*; nor was that granted, but upon Condition that we should find Beds, Medicines, and Refreshments.

We had not Force to oppose the Enemy.

Our Force united was not sufficient to oppose the Enemy, and therefore all that could be done was to protect the Trade, until such time as the additional Strength expected from *England* were joined; and Sir *George Rooke* being convinced, by all Advices, that the *French* were making great Dispatch for an early Campaign, he called the Officers together, to consider what might best be done, who (both *English* and *Dutch*) agreed, that since there were but thirty Ships of the Line of Battel (not above half the Number it was believ'd the *French* would come out with) they could not be able to impede their Passage through the Streights, and that therefore it was not reasonable to put to Sea and lie in their Way, but nevertheless to keep out Cruizers for Intelligence.

A Council of War agree not to put to Sea.

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This Council of War was held the nineteenth of *January*, and fresh Intelligence occasioned another the twenty third following, when the Flag-Officers found no reason to alter their former Resolutions: But lest the *French Fleet* should appear at *Cadiz* before the Reinforcement from *England* arrived, it was agreed that the Ships should be removed within *Puntal Castles*, and formed in three Lines as follows; the first (to consist of the largest *English Ships*) to lie from *Puntal* athwart the Chanel, to the Creek's Mouth called *Truccadero*, next within the North Castle; the second (to be composed of the smallest *English* and *Dutch Ships*) along the Shoal on the South side of the Harbour; and the third (to be of the biggest *Dutch Ships*) to begin from the upper end of the second Line, and to trench away athwart the Chanel to the Mouth of the upper Creek which goes to *Port Real*; and the small Frigates, Bomb-Vessels, and Fireships, were to be posted to the best Advantage, as the Wind, and other Circumstances might permit. This indeed was all which could be done, for the Ships, generally speaking, were not above half mann'd, and those of the *Dutch* were so very foul, that had they met a greater Strength of the Enemy at Sea, they would in all Probability have been a Prey to them.

1697.
Another Council resolve to retire within Puntal Castle for their Security.

Things being at this pass, and our Squadron in a manner blocked up at *Cadiz*, an Account came from the Vice-Roy of *Andalusia*, that he had notice, by an Express from *Portugal*, of five *French Ships* in *Lagos Bay*, from seventy to eighty Guns, and thereupon Rear-Admiral *Mitchell*, with eight clean Ships, and two Fireships, was sent in quest of them, but contrary Winds soon constrain'd him to bear up.

Rear-Admiral Mitchell sent to Lagos Bay in search of some French Ships.

The Admiral considering the Weakness of the Force with him, and how strong the Enemy intended to come forth, he, about the middle of *February*, sent home a Frigate for Instructions how he should proceed: But before he returned to him, he received Orders from his Majesty, dated the twenty seventh of *January*, to repair to *England*, unless he had good Intelligence that the *French* designed not to fit out their Fleet from *Thoulon* early in the Spring, or that they did not intend to come to Sea with a greater Number than he could be able to oppose with the Strength he had with him, in which case he was to remain in the Straights, and comply with his former Instructions.

The Admiral receives Orders to come for England conditionally.

These Orders occasioned a Council of War, where it was determined to repair to *England* as soon as the Naval Stores could be taken on board: And in case the *French* should pass the Straights before that could be effected, it was agreed to follow them immediately, and to leave a proper Convoy to bring home the Storeships, though, to amuse the Enemy, it was pretended that the Fleet, and the greatest part of the Stores, were to be removed to *Port Mahon*; but it was impossible to keep his real Intentions long private; for there were several Letters which gave an Account that the Ships designed from *England* were stopp'd, and that it was expected our Fleet would be called home: Nor was it indeed advisable to continue longer in those Parts, for if the intended Reinforcement had timely

A Council of War resolves thereupon to come home, but to pretend they were going to Port Mahon.

arrived

arrived, the Strength would, even then, have been very much inferior to that of the Enemy.

The Fleet arrived back to Cadiz.

About the middle of *March* Sir *George Rooke* put to Sea, but when he had beat it to and fro five Days, in very dirty Weather, wherein several of the Ships Masts were sprung, their Sails blown away, and the greatest Ships much shaken, he was constrain'd to return to *Cadiz*; and very lucky it was he did so, for had he kept the Sea, the tempestuous Weather which soon after happened might have put the Fleet into the greatest danger. It begun, and continued with such Extremity, that divers of the biggest *Dutch* Ships, and of our *English* Merchant Ships, were forced from their Anchors even in the Bay, and several were lost upon the Coast, among which three belonging to the States-General, one of them named the *St. Peter*, of forty four Guns, between *Cadiz* and *Cape Trafalgar*.

Damages suffered by the Storm.

The Fleet arrives in England. 1696.

The Weather was no sooner moderate than he sailed again from *Cadiz*, and arrived in the *English* Chanel the twenty second of *April*, where I shall leave him until I have given some Account of what passed at home, and in other Parts abroad, from the time that Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* had finished his Services against *Dieppe*, *Calais*, and other of the Enemy's Ports, to this of Sir *George Rooke's* returning to *England*, believing that it would tend more to the Reader's Satisfaction to have the foregoing Account of Affairs in the Straights entire, because its interfering with other things which happened elsewhere, within that time, might make a Confusion necessary to be avoided.

C H A P. XVI.

Attempts made by John Lord Berkeley on several of the French King's Ports.

A Council of War agree to attempt St. Malo.

THERE being a considerable Number of Ships got together at *Spithead*, John Lord Berkeley was ordered to take the Command of them, and arriving there about the middle of *June*, his Lordship called a Council of War, where it was agreed to attempt *St. Malo's*, if Pilots could be had to carry the Ships near the *Quince* Rock, and the Frigates and Bomb-Vessels within it. But to render this Undertaking the more successful, small Frigates were wanting to secure the Bomb-Vessels, and four or five hundred Soldiers to be put on board them and the Well-Boats; and if two Machine Vessels could be had, it was judged they might have been serviceable against the *Quince* Rock, if there was a Possibility of doing any good with them any where.

Although there was no extraordinary Prospect of Success against *St. Malo*, yet that Attempt was first intended, since the very Alarm might

might oblige the Enemy to make such Preparations as would put them to no small Expence and Inconvenience: But yet the Flag-Officers were of opinion, that if the *French* should find them imbayed at *St. Malo* with a greater Force, it would infinitely expose our Ships; and therefore, since there were not together above six *English* Ships of the Line of Battel, they desired that other of the larger Rates might be forthwith sent to join them.

Admiral *Allemonde* soon after acquainted the Lord *Berkeley*, that tho' he had Orders to act under his Command, and to attempt what Places should be judged reasonable by a Council of War, yet the King had given him positive Commands to try what might be done at *Dunkirk* first. This was communicated to the Lords of the Admiralty, and by them to the Lords Justices, in his Majesty's Absence, by whose Directions another Council of War was called, to consider whether the separate Attempts designed to be made on *St. Malo* and *Dunkirk*, might not be undertaken at the same time, by means of such mutual Assistance as the *English* and *Dutch* could give each other: And according to what should be determined his Lordship was to act. It was thereupon resolved to attempt *St. Malo's*; for as to *Dunkirk* it was not thought convenient to do any thing there, until the Machines, and other things preparing by Mr. *Meefters*, were ready, and the *Dutch* would not hear of acting separately.

The Dutch Admiral ordered by the King to attempt Dunkirk first.

The separate Attempts of Dunkirk and St. Malo considered. Agreed to attempt St. Malo.

Although his Lordship had but one small Frigate of the *English* with him, (which kind of Shipping was more necessary on such Occasions than bigger) he was unwilling to lose time, and therefore failed, and got Westward of *Portland* the twenty third of *June*, but meeting with bad Weather, was obliged to return to *St. Helen's*, and the Well-Boats appointed for landing of Men were so very leaky, that it was with much difficulty they were brought in.

However, the Squadron arrived and anchored before *St. Malo* on the fourth of *July*, about Ten in the Morning, in twenty Fathom Water, the *Quince* Rock bearing S. E. by S. near five Miles distant, *Cape Frebelle* W. S. W. three Leagues and a half, and *Cancale* Point E. by S. three Leagues. At Noon the Signal was made for the Captains of the Bomb Vessels, and about two Hours after, they together with the Frigates and Well-Boats, under Command of Captain *Benbow*, and with some Frigates and Bomb-Vessels of the *Dutch*, standing close in, five of the said Bomb-Vessels played on the *Quince* Rock until near Eight, but with no great Success.

The Squadron arrived at St. Malo.

About Four next Morning the Squadron weighing Anchor, stood near in, and a Signal was made for the Frigates and Bomb-Vessels to go as close in towards the Town as possibly they could, by doing whereof they soon obliged the Gallies and Guard-Boats to retreat. At half an Hour past Five the Squadron anchored in eighteen Fathom Water, the *Quince* Rock bearing S. by E. distant about a League, and at Eight the *Charles* Fireship, commanded by Captain *Durley*, and one of the *Dutch*, were ordered to run in against the aforesaid Rock, who placing themselves to Windward of it, so much annoyed the Enemy, that they forbore firing; and immediately upon blowing

The Attempt on, and Bombing St. Malo.

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up of those Ships, the Fort taking fire burnt two Hours. About Nine a Clock the Squadron with the Bomb-Vessels got in somewhat nearer, and the latter play'd with that Success, that at Four in the Afternoon a great Fire broke out in the West part of the Town, which burnt very furiously until about Seven at Night; and as it may be modestly computed that nine hundred Bombs and Carcasses were thrown into it, so I will not trouble the Reader with the Expence not only of the Bombs themselves, but of the Vessels wherein the Mortars were plac'd, otherwise than by taking notice it was very considerable.

During the whole time, the *French* fired from *Quince Rock*, the Great and Little *Bee*, Fort *Royal*, and Point *D'Ambour*; and at last the Ammunition which the Bomb-Vessels carried in with them being spent, a Signal was made between Seven and Eight at Night to call them off, and one of them, which had received much damage, was sunk, to prevent her falling into the Enemy's Hands: But before I end this Account, suffer me to inform you in what manner the Council of War had determined the Place should be attacked; which was as follows:

1. That the six *Dutch* Bomb-Vessels, and three *English*, should batter the *Quince* Rock, and the Fort called *D'Ambour*, five whereof were to attack the former, and four the other.

2. The other nine Bomb-Vessels were at the same time to batter the Town, to be supported therein by several *English* and *Dutch* Frigates, and other small Vessels; and so many Boats as could be spared were to go in with small Anchors and Hawfers, to tow the Bomb-Vessels and Frigates, if there should be occasion.

3. Two *Dutch* Ships were to cruise W. N. W. of the Squadron, or off of Cape *Frehelle*, and all the rest to lie as near as conveniently they could.

In the next Place it was resolv'd to proceed to *Granville*, on the neighbouring Coast of *Normandy*, with eight Frigates and as many Bomb-Vessels, but that the Squadron should stay at *St. Malo* a Day or two, and then repair to, and remain at the Island of *Guernsey*. They met not with much difficulty in destroying *Granville*, (which was a fair large Town) even without the Loss of a Man, and joining the Squadron on the ninth, a Feint was made of going to *Havre de Grace*, thereby to amuse the Enemy, but in the Evening they bore away for *Portsmouth* to refit the Bomb-Vessels, and to get all things ready for attacking *Dunkirk*.

His Lordship propos'd to the Lords of the Admiralty that the great Ships at *Spithead* might accompany him, because the Season of the Year was very proper, and that the Difference of the Draught of Water between them and the Ships he had with him was not much; besides their Countenance was necessary, and their Boats would have afforded considerable Assistance.

The Squadron being come to the *Downs*, his Lordship received Orders there to take on board four hundred Land-Soldiers; but neither Mr. *Meefters*, nor his Pilots were then to be found; who coming soon after, a Council of War was held, where he was present,

The Town of
*Granville de-
stray'd.*

A Feint made
of going to
*Havre de
Grace.*

The Squadron
arrives in the
Downs.

sent, and it was resolv'd to attempt *Dunkirk* in the manner following, *viz.*

1. To begin with bombarding the *Ris-Bank* and wooden Forts with six or eight Bomb-Vessels, which were to cease firing as soon as the Frigates and Machines came near the Forts. The manner agreed on to attempt *Dunkirk*.

2. Four *English* Frigates were first to go in with *Dutch* Pilots, and to carry on two Fireships, with as many Machines, to be laid against the wooden Forts. These were to be supported by four Ships of the States-General, of about fifty Guns each, design'd to anchor against, and batter the said Forts; and three small *Dutch* Frigates, one *English* Brigantine, with an Advice-Boat, were to go near in with the Fireships and Machines, in order to take up their Boats when the Men had set them on fire.

3. At the same time two *English* Frigates, two Ketches, and two Fireships were to be sent on the Back of *Brake*, to disperse the Enemy's small Craft; two Machines, with as many Fireships to burn against the *Ris-Bank*, and a Brigantine and four Well-Boats were to bring off their Boats.

4. Two Fireships and as many Machines were to be ready for a second Attack upon the Western Wooden Fort, (if the first should fail) to be supported by an *English* Frigate, two Men of War Pinks, and a Ketch; and the rest of the *Dutch* Frigates were to be placed at an Anchor, Westward of the *Brake*, ready for any Service.

5. All the great Ships were to be posted off of *Gravelin*; for it was the Opinion of the Pilots that not any one which drew above fifteen or sixteen Foot Water could go out of the Eastern Passage with Safety.

And now Mr. *Meefters* informing the Council of War that he had every thing ready, it was resolv'd to sail the next Morning, as they did; but it blowing fresh, the small Craft were dispersed; however the Squadron continued on the *French* Coast, and Orders were sent to those which were absent to repair to the Rendezvous, which was *Gravelin Pits*, Mr. *Meefters* being particularly summoned thither, who had thought fit to retire to the *Downs*; but although he represented it to be dangerous on the *French* Coast with a N. W. Wind, positive Orders being sent to him to join the Squadron, he took Courage, and did the same the twenty ninth of *July*, when the Weather being fair, it was determin'd to make the Attack the next Day, or as soon as it might possibly be done; so that on the first of *August*, early in the Morning, the Bomb-Vessels got under Sail, and stood in to bombard the wooden Forts, and the *Ris-Bank*. About Nine they were all placed, and began to throw their Bombs very briskly, the Frigates at the same time going in to protect them from the Enemy's small Craft, of which they had great Numbers; and many of their half Gallies and Boats coming out of the Pier-heads, lay under the Cannon of the *Ris-Bank*. About One a Clock the Frigates, Brigantines, Well-Boats, &c. which were appointed to go in with the Fireships and Machines to burn upon the Pier-heads and *Ris-Bank*, and to take up their Boats, weighed and went pretty near in, plying to and fro within shot of the E-

The Attack begun at *Dunkirk*.

nemy's Forts and Gallies; and about two a Clock there was sent in four Smoak-ships, that by being burnt against the Forts, the People might be blinded who were in them; but they had no manner of Success; for one of them ran on ground, and the others were set on fire long before they came to the Forts: Besides, their Smoak was so inconsiderable, that had they been carried nearer, it could not have much incommoded the Enemy.

Mr. Meeſter's Smoak Ships unſucceſſful, and indeed of no uſe.

The Bomb-Veſſels fired until it was five a Clock, at which time both they, the Frigates, Brigantines, &c. were ordered off. Several of the Shells fell into the *Ris-bank*, and upon the Pier-heads, and three of the Enemy's half Gallies were ſunk; but they had in all Places made ſuch Preparations for their Defence, with Boats, Bombs, Chains, Piles, and Pontons with Guns upon them, as render'd this Attempt altogether impracticable.

In this manner ended an Expedition which for ſome Years paſt had been deſigned againſt this important Port; and conſidering the ill Succeſs, and that the ſimple Machines (as *Mr. Meeſters* himſelf acknowledged) would be of little uſe without Smoak-Ships, (as indeed none of them could have been, either ſingle or together) a Council of War reſolved to ſail to *Calais*, where it was agreed at another Conſultation, that ſince *Mr. Meeſters* had thought fit to retire with all his Machines the Night before, not any thing ſhould be attempted until he returned purſuant to the Orders which were ſent to him, but that when they arrived, all the Boats, and the ſmall Frigates, ſhould be ſent in to ſupport them, which Boats were to be commanded by a Captain of each Nation, the *Engliſh* to go Weſtward, and the *Dutch* Eaſtward of the Veſſels which were to be burnt, or blown up againſt the Fort: But *Mr. Meeſters* declining this ſecond Attempt, the whole Affair ended, though it afterwards occaſioned ſome Examinations before the Council, upon Complaints exhibited againſt him by my Lord *Berkeley*, and by *Mr. Meeſters* againſt the Conduct of the Sea-Officers.

A Council of War reſolve to ſail for Calais.

Mr. Meeſters declined a ſecond Attempt with his Machines, &c.

The manner of our attacking Calais.

Not long after, according to what was agreed at a Council of War, an Attempt was made on *Calais* in the manner following. There was a new wooden Fort at the Entrance of the Pier-heads, whereon were mounted fourteen heavy Cannon, and the Enemy had ſeveral other Batteries to the Weſt, which were great Obſtacles to the Undertaking; wherefore it was reſolved to attack, and endeavour to burn the ſaid wooden Fort in the Night; for which purpoſe Colonel *Richards* was not only ordered to fill up two Well-Boats with the Materials of the *Blaze* Fireſhip, but a formal Attack was deſigned with the Boats, at which time Colonel *Richards* was to begin the Bombardment of the Town. Accidents prevented the putting this in Execution until the ſeventeenth in the Morning, when anchoring Eaſtward of the Town, the Bombardment began, and with ſuch good Succeſs, that it was on fire in ſeveral Places by one a Clock, at which time the Enemy's half Gallies came out, and ſtood Eaſtward under the Shore, thinking thereby to annoy the Line of Bomb-Veſſels; but the ſmall Ships of War and Brigantines ſtanding in, put them in ſo great Confuſion, that with much ado

they regained the Pier-heads; and after this they gave no other Disturbance than with their Cannon and Mortars from their several Works. The Bombardment continued till Five at Night, during which time there were fired from the *English* Vessels about six hundred Shells, and in the whole Action our Loss was very considerable.

CHAP. XVII.

Captain Robert Wilmot sent with a Squadron of Ships, and Land-Forces, to the West-Indies, with an Account of his Proceedings.

IT now follows that I relate what pass'd in the *West Indies* under Command of Captain *Robert Wilmot*, who was appointed Commander in Chief of a Squadron of Ships, composed of one Third Rate, three Fourths, one Fifth, and two Frigates, and received Orders the fourteenth of *January* to proceed from *Plymouth* towards *America* with twelve Vessels appointed to transport Soldiers, Stores, and Provisions, where he was to take under his Command two Fourth Rates, and a Fifth. 1697.

It was thought necessary to keep the Service private on which he was designed, even to himself, until such time as he got out to Sea, and therefore the general Instructions by which he was to be governed in the *West-Indies*, were sealed up, with positive Orders to him not to open them before he came into the Latitude of forty Degrees, and then to do it in the Presence of the Commander in Chief of the Land-Forces.

The general Instructions not opened till the Squadron came to Sea.

By the said Instructions he was directed,

1. To sail to *Jamaica*.
2. To confer with the Governor of that Island, at a Council of War, what might be done against the Enemy; and if he should think fit, he was ordered to proceed to *Petit Guavas*, (a Town and Harbour in that part of *Hispaniola* possessed by the *French*) according to such Informations as could be gained of the Posture of the Enemy, and to take with him so many of the Land-Soldiers, and of the Militia of *Jamaica*, as the Governor should appoint.
3. To order some of his Squadron to cruise off of *Petit Guavas*, and by all other ways to intercept Supplies going to the *French* from *Europe*, or any of the Windward Islands.
4. Upon landing the Troops at *Petit Guavas*, or on any other part of the Coast of *Hispaniola* in Possession of the *French*, (if it should be thought proper to do the same at a Council of War) he was to use his utmost Endeavours to reduce the Forts, &c. and to destroy the Sugar-works, Engines, and Plantations.

Contents of the said general Instructions.

5. If *Petit Guavas* could be taken by our Forces, he was to dispose Matters so, as that Possession thereof might be kept.

6. To give notice to the Commander in Chief of the Island of *Hispaniola*, or the City of *St. Domingo*, of his Arrival near that Coast, and to desire his Assistance by Shipping, and the Conjunction of the Forces, or Militia there, for destroying the Enemy on that and the adjacent Islands; to which End the said Governor had received Instructions from the King of *Spain* his Master.

7. But if by the Readiness of the Preparations at *Hispaniola*, or Advices from the Governor of *Jamaica*, it should be judged advisable at a Council of War to attack the *French* before his going to *Jamaica*, he was to do the same.

8. If he gain'd Intelligence at his coming to *Jamaica*, or before his Arrival there, that the *French* were possessed of that Island, he was to endeavour to recover it, either by a Diversion, or otherwise, as a Council of War should judge most proper.

9. To hold Councils of War as often as there should be occasion, to consist of the Lieutenant-Governor of *Jamaica*, himself, the rest of the Sea-Captains, and of the Colonel, Major, and Captains of the Regiment, when those Persons should be on the Place, the Governor being to preside, if present, otherwise himself; and in his Absence, and that of the Lieutenant-Governor of *Jamaica*, the Colonel, or Commander in Chief of the Regiment.

10. If the Councils of War were held at *Jamaica*, there were to be added thereunto the chief Officers of the Militia, not exceeding six; yet in no other case than when the Matters to be debated should relate to the Defence of the Island: But the Governor was not to meddle with the Discipline of the Squadron; nor was the Commadore to send any of the Ships to cruise remote from the Island without the Consent of the said Governor and Council, if it might be conveniently had.

11. The Spoil his Majesty gave between himself, the Officers, Seamen, Soldiers, and Militia, except Guns, Ammunition, and Naval Stores, according to the Distribution which will be hereafter expressed.

12. After he had done his utmost to annoy the Enemy, and for the Security of the Island, and remained thereabouts not longer than two or three Months, unless a Council of War judged it absolutely necessary for some especial Service, he was to return to *England*, and to leave five Fourth Rates, and one of the Sixth for the Guard of *Jamaica*: But in his Passage (if the Season of the Year should not be too far advanced) he was to call at the *French* Settlements in *Newfoundland*, and endeavour to destroy their, and protect our, Fishery; after which he was to do the like to their Vessels on the *Bank*.

Lastly; And since the Success of this Expedition depended very much upon the good Agreement between him and the Commander in Chief of the Land-Forces, (which was, indeed, not only in this Case, but many others, found a very difficult thing) he was enjoined to take care to prevent any unnecessary Scruples or Difficulties on that Account.

The Distribution of the Prizes and Booty that should be taken in the West-Indies.

1. All Prizes taken at Sea were to be distributed according to an Act of Parliament in that behalf: And of all the Booty at Land, a third part was to be set aside for the Lieutenant-Governor of *Jamaica*, when Commander in Chief on any Expedition, or to the Commander in Chief for the time being; the other two Thirds to be distributed among the Officers and Soldiers, as will be hereafter more particularly expressed.

2. His Majesty's part of all Prizes at Sea was to be divided among the Seamen only, and the Booty at Land among the Land-men.

3. But when Land-men happened to be commanded on board upon any Expedition, or if in their Passage to the *West-Indies* the Transport-Ships should be engaged, and a Prize taken, such Land-men were to be considered as Seamen, and their Officers on board to receive a Share according to their Pay; and in like manner the Seamen, and their Officers when on Shore, were to receive a Dividend according to their Pay.

4. That of all Booty taken in Service on shore, wherein the Commander in Chief of the Squadron for the time being should assist with four hundred Seamen, or more, the said Commander in Chief was to have the Share allotted to a Colonel, and the Officers appointed by him to command those Men to be considered as Land-Officers.

5. No Officer of the Militia was to be considered as a Colonel, who commanded less than five hundred Men; nor as a Captain, if he had less in his Company than fifty, unless such Regiment, or Company, should, after their proceeding on the Expedition, happen to be reduced by Sickness, or Accidents of War.

Two Thirds of the Booty taken at Land was to be thus divided.

To Field and Staff-Officers.

	Shares.
Colonel, as Colonel, — — — —	18
Lieutenant-Colonel, as Lieutenant-Colonel, —	10½
Major, as Major, — — — —	7½
Captain, — — — —	10
Adjutant, — — — —	6
Chirurgion, — — — —	6
Chirurgion's Matcs, — 2, 4 shares each, — —	8
Quarter-Master, — — — —	6

Total 72

One

One Company.

	Share
Captain, ——— ——— ——— ———	12
Two Lieutenants, each 6 Shares, — — — —	12
Ensign, ——— ——— ——— ———	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Six Serjeants, ——— ——— ——— ———	12
Six Corporals, ——— ——— ——— ———	9
Two Drummers, ——— ——— ——— ———	3
Two hundred private Men, ——— ——— ——— ———	200
Five Companies more, consisting of the like Number, ——— ——— ——— ———	1262 $\frac{1}{2}$
The Commissary of Stores and Provisions, Pay- master of the Forces, Commissary of the Musters, and Judge-Advocate. ——— ———	12
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Total 1599	

To the Officers of the Ordnance.

Ensign ——— ——— ——— ———	15
Master Gunner ——— ——— ——— ———	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gunner's Mate, ——— ——— ——— ———	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Twelve Gunners, each three Shares, ——— ———	36
Firemaster ——— ——— ——— ———	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Six Bombardiers, each 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Shares, ——— ———	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
Master Carpenter ——— ——— ——— ———	6
Three Mates, each 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Shares, ——— ———	11
Chirurgeon, ——— ——— ——— ———	6
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Total 1715	

Two Thirds of the King's Part of the Prizes at Sea were to be divided after this manner, *viz.*

To the Captain,	} 3 Eighths	} To be divided equally amongst them.
Lieutenant,		
Master,	} 1 Eighth	
Boatswain,		
Gunner,	} 1 Eighth	
Purser,		
Carpenter,		
Master's Mate,		
Chirurgeon,		
Chaplain,		
Midshipmen,	} 1 Eighth	
Carpenter's Mates,		
Boatswain's Mates,		
Gunners Mates,		

To the Corporals,	}	1 Eighth	}	To be divided equal-ly amongst them.
Yeomen of the Sheets,				
Coxwain,				
Quarter Masters,				
Doct ^r 's Mates,				
Chirurgeons Mates,				
Yeomen of the Powder-				
Room,				
Trumpeter,				
Quarter-Gunner,				
Carpenters Crew,	}	2 Eighths	}	
Steward,				
Cook,				
Armourer,				
Steward's Mate,				
Gunsmith,				
Swabber,				
Ordinary Trumpeter,				
Barber,				
Able Seamen,				

Lastly, such Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen as should happen to receive Wounds in any Action where Booty or a Prize should be taken, were to have a double Share, in Consideration of the said Wounds.

Pursuant to these Instructions Captain *Wilmot* sailed from *Plimouth*, and arriving in the *Old Road* at *St. Christopher's*, one of the *Leeward Islands*, departed from thence the twenty eighth of *March* for the Island of *Savona*, which lies at the Eastermost End of *Hispaniola*, intending if the Governor of *St. Domingo* was ready to march to *Port de Paix*, to sail on the West Side of the Island, and assault it by Sea, which he could not have done had he gone down to *St. Domingo*, or on the South Side, because it would have been a great Hindrance to the Transport Ships, which sailed very ill, and could not so well keep a Wind.

Captain Wilmot sails from Plimouth, and arrives at Hispaniola. 1694.

The *French* at this time had nineteen Privateers out of *Guadalupe* and *Martinica*, and three Ships of War, one of forty four Guns, another of forty, and the third a small *Dutch Ship* taken at *Camarret Bay*, which Privateers were chiefly supported by such Merchant Ships and Vessels of ours as they frequently took, loaden with Provisions for the Islands: Besides, the *French General* had notice of our coming, and daily expected the Squadron at *Hispaniola*, where they had muster'd up all their Strength together, and this notwithstanding the great Care which was taken at home for keeping the Expedition private.

The French had several Privateers from Guadalupe and Martinica.

When the Squadron arrived at *Savona*, the Commadore met with a Letter from the Governor of *St. Domingo*, by which he assured him that if he would come there he should be assisted in attempting the Enemy on that Coast; whereupon he sailed with three Ships of War,

The Squadron proceeds to St. Domingo.

War, and two Fireships, having sent the Transports with the Remainder of the Squadron to the Gulph of *Samana*, on the North Side of the Island.

When he landed he desired the Assistance of the President of *St. Domingo*, and delivered to him the King of *Spain's* Letters; but although he made at first a Shew of Readiness to comply therewith, yet he soon raised insignificant Scruples, by which twelve Days time were lost, and then it was agreed that he should forthwith march with seventeen hundred of his Men, and one hundred and fifty *English*, to *Machameel* Bay, on the North Side of the Island, where the Squadron was to meet him.

They arrive at Cape Francis, and are fired upon from the French Fort.

Accordingly the Commadore proceeded to Cape *Francis*, which was the very Windermost Settlement the *French* had, and when he had put on Shore the rest of the *English* Forces within three Leagues of the Cape, he moved forward until he came within Gun-shot of the Fort, from whence the *French* fired very warmly at our Ships, and in some Measure disabled one of them, called the *Swan*.

Resolution about attacking the Town and Fort.

It was concluded that as soon as the Soldiers could march to one End of the Town, the Ships should batter the Fort, whereon were mounted forty Guns, and that the Seamen should assault the Back of it, the Ground there being higher than the Fort itself; in order whereunto a convenient Place was sought for to land at, but they were repulsed: However, the next Evening they went with a greater Strength, and the Enemy imagining that we then intended to land, they blew up the Fort, and burnt the Town, laying Trains of Powder to the Houses where any Plunder was, which had like to have done much Mischiefe to our Men.

The French destroy them both.

Resolution of marching to Port de Paix not executed.

Next Day the Commadore sent to the *Spanish* General to know when he could be ready to go to Port de *Paix*, upon whose Answer it was agreed at a Consultation, that Major *Lillingston* should march thither with three hundred *English*, in Company of the *Spanish* Forces, it being (as they said) about fourteen Leagues off; but what was thus determined being not put in Execution, and the Men being unruly, they straggled up and down the Country for Plunder, by which Means several of them were lost.

The Commadore lands Seamen to sustain the Troops, and they fall into an Ambuscade.

The Commadore not hearing from the Forces since they moved from Cape *Francis*, he called a Council of War, and proposed to land four hundred Seamen, to see if they could join them, for he had Reason to doubt they were in Danger. Accordingly such a Number of Men were landed about five Miles Eastward of Port de *Paix*, though they received some Opposition, yet they burnt and destroyed the Enemy's Plantations to the Fort it self, to which the *French* retired; but not hearing any thing of the Land Forces, they came on board the Ships at Night.

Some Cannon and Mortars put on Shore, but a great Delay in mounting them.

Soon after this Captain *Wilmot* had notice that several of the Soldiers had straggled near Port de *Paix*, whereupon he landed the like Number of Seamen again, in order to join them, and the next Day put on Shore the Cannon and Mortars, but there was not so much Dispatch made in mounting them as might have been expected.

It was now resolved that the Squadron should fail to the Westward of Port de Paix, where there was a commodious Hill to annoy the Enemy, much nearer than the first intended Battery, and there ten Pieces of Cannon were mounted, which so much galled them, that in few Days part of the inward Fort was beaten down, and many People who retired thither were killed.

The inward Fort of Port de Paix battered down.

The third of July, between the Hours of Twelve and One, the French sallied out with about three hundred Whites, and two hundred Blacks, well armed, but the Commadore having notice thereof by a Negro, detached one hundred and fifty Men to receive them, being in a Readiness with the rest, both Seamen and Soldiers, to join them upon Occasion, by which means many were killed, especially their commanding Officers, and several taken Prisoners; and after this Defeat our Forces immediately took Possession of the Fort, wherein they found eighty Cannon mounted, with good Store of Powder and Shot.

The French sallied out, but are beaten. 1695.

The Fort taken.

The Colonel of the Land-Forces was soon after desired to send his sick Men to *Jamaica*, and to keep those who were in Health to assist in the intended Service at *Leogane* and *Petit Guavas*; but neither he, nor the *Spanish* General thought it advisable considering the Weakness of the Troops; so that the Fort was demolished, and the Guns and Stores carried off, which done, the Commadore failed to *Jamaica*, where having refitted the Ships, and put all things into the best Order he could, he took his Departure for *England* the third of *September*, leaving behind him the *Reserve*, *Hampshire*, *Ruby*, and *Swan*, the last to bring Home some Merchant Ships when loaden, and the three first (being Fourth Rates) to guard *Jamaica* untill farther Order; but such Difficulties they met with in their Passage, not only by bad Weather, but the violent, and uncommon Distemper which seized the Men, that it was almost next to a Miracle the Ships got Home, Captain *Wilmot*, the Commadore, with a great Number of the Officers dying, and one of the Fourth Rates, for Want of Men to trim her Sails, running on Ground, was lost on the Shoals of *Cape Florida*.

The Fort demolished, and the Squadron sails from thence to Jamaica, and so to England.

CHAP. XVIII.

An Account of the speedy getting together a Squadron of Ships, when the French designed to make a Descent from Dunkirk: With Sir George Rooke's Proceedings in the Chanel and Soundings.

THE Expeditions at Sea, both at home and abroad, the last Year, ending as hath been before related, and no more Ships being kept out than what were absolutely necessary for guarding the Coast and to convoy the Trade, the rest were ordered to the fe-

veral Ports, that so they might be timely fitted for the next Year's Service: But his Majesty receiving Advice that the *French* intended to take this Opportunity of embarking an Army from *Calais*, *Dunkirk*, and the Ports thereabouts, and therewith to make a Descent on *England*, signified his Pleasure by Admiral *Russell* to the Lords of the Admiralty the twenty first of *February*, that all the Ships in the Rivers of *Thames* and *Medway*, as well as those at the *Nore*, *Spithead*, *Plimouth*, and elsewhere, which could be got ready, should be ordered to repair immediately to the *Downs*; and for the greater Expedition, Orders were given to those at *Portsmouth* and *Plimouth* to take the Men out of Merchant Ships, and to bring as many more as they conveniently could to other Ships in Want. The Civil Magistrates of *Kent*, and about *Portsmouth*, were also ordered to secure all straggling Seamen, and to send them to the Naval Commissioners residing nearest to the Place where they should meet with them; and the Commander in Chief in the River *Medway* was likewise directed to hasten all the Ships from thence and the *Nore* to the *Downs*, as the Master-Attendant on Float was all Ships of War, Fireships, and other Vessels, fitting out in the River. All the Boats belonging to the Ships at the *Nore* and *Blackshakes* were ordered to impress Watermen, Bargemen, Lightermen, and others working on the River *Medway*: Besides which, general Orders were issued to impress all without Distinction, except such as were employ'd on necessary Services of the Navy, Ordnance, or Victualling; and there being an Embargo laid on all Merchant Ships, it was ordered that a third Part of the Men belonging to those which were outwardbound should be taken from them, for the more speedy putting the Fleet into a Condition to prevent the Enemy's Design. Mr. *Russell* himself (after he had assisted as first Lord of the Admiralty in these Preparations) repaired, by the King's particular Command, to the *Downs*, to conduct this important Service, where he arrived the twenty fourth; and though he found no more Ships there than one First, two Thirds, six Fourths, and two Fifth Rates, with one Fireship, a Ketch, and a Brigantine, yet such speedy Orders were issued, and so diligently were they put in Execution, that he was joined within three Days after by Sir *Cloudestly Shovell* at the *South-Sand-Head* with thirteen more, besides eleven *English* and *Dutch* from *Spithead*, and the next Day his Number was increased by ten Ships from *Plimouth*, at which time he was standing Eastward along the *French Coast*.

The first of *March* there failed from the *Downs* to join him ten more, great and small; and although there were not in the *Downs* on the twenty fourth of *February* above eleven Ships, and that all the rest in Pay were in Places distant one from the other, and most of them but very poorly manned, yet by the twenty eighth of that Month the Admiral had with him off of *Gravelin*, one First, twelve Thirds, twenty four Fourths, and three Fifth Rates, besides Fireships of the *English*; together with twelve Ships of War of the *Dutch*, and two of their Fireships, and in few Days after they

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1694.

Mr. *Russell*, by the King's particular Orders, commanded the Fleet appointed to oppose the Enemy.

The great Number of Ships that were in very few Days got together.

were augmented to near fourscore Sail, reckoning into the Number small Sixth Rates, Brigantines, &c. with which there were the several Flag-Officers following, *viz.* the Admiral himself, the Lord Berkeley Admiral of the Blue, Sir Cloudefly Shovell Vice-Admiral of the Red, Mr. Aylmer Vice-Admiral of the Blue, and two Dutch Rear-Admirals.

The Admiral came to an Anchor off of *Gravelin* the twenty eighth of *February* with Part of the Fleet, and the Lord Berkeley lay between him and *Dunkirk*.

As he sailed close in with *Calais* he perceived that Harbour so much crouded with all Sorts of Embarcations, that they were judged not to be less than between three and four hundred, all which had their Sails to the Yards. In *Flemish Road* there were about seventeen Ships of War, great and small, with which they would probably in few Days have come over with the Transports; for, as some Prisoners related, they were of Opinion that since our great Ships were gone in to refit, and those from the Streights not arrived, we had not any Force at Sea; and it is reasonable to believe they designed to strengthen this Convoy by other Ships from *Brest*, and the Ports of *West France*. Thirteen of these seventeen Ships retired as close into the Pier of *Dunkirk* as possibly they could, which, according to the best Judgment that could be made of them, were four of about seventy Guns, three between fifty and sixty, and the rest small Frigates.

Many Transport Ships seen at Calais.

And what Ships of War they had at Dunkirk.

Sir Cloudefly Shovell with several Captains was sent to look on them, but found there could not be any thing attempted with Hopes of Success; and the Dutch Pilots sent by Mr. Meesters being examined, they declared that when the Tides were mended, if the Wind was from the S. to the W. S. W. and a fresh Gale, they would venture to carry such of our Ships as drew not more Water than fifteen or sixteen Dutch Feet through *Flemish Road*, and out of the East Chanel by *Newport*, provided they did not anchor: But if any Accidents happened, by the Ship's Mafts coming by the Board, or other Interruption, they were apprehensive they might be exposed to imminent Danger.

Impracticable to attempt the Ships at Dunkirk.

Those Pilots who came from *Newport* owned themselves ignorant of the Sands or Chanels about *Dunkirk*, so that it was concluded not safe to make any Attempt, and therefore the Admiral resolved to come with the Fleet to *Dover Road*, or the *Downs*, but first to leave a proper Squadron to attend the Motion of the Enemy's Ships, and Cruisers in other convenient Stations, which Squadron was put under the Command of Sir Cloudefly Shovell.

A Squadron left off of Dunkirk with Sir Cloudefly Shovell.

The twenty third of *March* three Bomb-Vessels join'd Sir Cloudefly Shovell, who then called a Council of War, at which were present the Captains of all the Ships as also Colonel Richards, and Captain Benbow, who agreed that it was not advisable to bombard *Calais* with the small Number of Mortars they had, but rather to stay until they could be augmented, and that more favourable Weather offered for such an Undertaking.

They said for more Mortars to bomb Calais.

The twenty eighth a Swedish Vessel came into the *Downs* which

The Master of a Swedish Vessel's Account of the intended De-licent.

had been the Day before at *Calais*, the Master whereof said that about five Weeks before, when he was off of that Port, in his Way to *Nantes*, he went on Shore to get some Water, and being there seized, his Ship was carried in, as he believed, for transporting Part of their Forces to *England*. He added that King *James* had been at *Calais*, but went from thence soon after Admiral *Ruffel* came before that Place; that in the Parts thereabouts they had near twelve thousand Soldiers, and about three hundred Vessels for Transportation, which were dispersed before his coming away, so that there was no more left in *Calais* than the ordinary Garrison, and that one hundred and fifty of the small Vessels were also gone to the several Places whereunto they belonged, none of the Masters thereof, nor of other *Danes* and *Swedes* taken up for this Service, having had any Recompence for their Trouble and Loss of Time.

Admiral Allemonde, and several Ships come into the Downs.

The thirty first of this Month of *March* Admiral *Allemonde* came into the *Downs* from *Holland* with six Ships of the Line of Battel, and two Fireships, as did next Morning several of ours from *Spithead*, and the Day following Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* received Directions from the Lords of the Admiralty to return with all the Bomb-Vessels to the Coast of *France*, in order to attempt the burning of *Calais*, with the Transport Ships and Vessels there, being empowered to take with him such of the small Frigates in the *Downs* as he should think necessary for that Service. He arrived off of *Calais* the third, and from that Day at Noon until Night, about three hundred Bombs, and Carcasses were thrown into the Town, where, and among the Embarcations in the Pier, many were seen to break, which undoubtedly did them considerable Damage; not that any thing could be distinctly seen, more than a small Vessel on fire in the Harbour, and the Town flaming in three or four Places, which was soon extinguished.

Sir Cloudefly Shovell arrives off of Calais, and the Town bombarded.

In this Action the Bomb-Vessels and Brigantines received much Injury in their Rigging, and all the Mortars but two were disabled: Several of the Frigates were also damaged, and the Wind coming about next Day from S. S. E. to the S. W. with hard Gales, it was thought convenient to return to the *Downs*, from whence Sir *Cloudefly* appointed a Squadron to endeavour to keep the *French* in at *Dunkirk*, and received Orders on the eleventh to proceed with the Fleet to *Spithead*, in Company of all the *Dutch* Ships, at which time there were with him two First Rates, five Seconds, nine Thirds, eleven Fourths, one Brigantine, and seven Fireships, those hereafter mentioned, which were designed to join him, being employed on particular Services by the Lords of the Admiralty.

Sir Cloudefly Shovell ordered to Spithead with the Fleet.

Ships not in the *Downs* when Sir *Cloudefly* sailed from thence.

Rates.	Ships Names.	
3	<i>Berwick,</i> <i>Captain,</i> <i>Defiance,</i> <i>Edgar,</i> <i>Kent,</i>	} Off of <i>Calais</i> .
4	<i>Burlington,</i>	
		Rates.

Rates.	Ships Names.	
3	<i>Burford,</i> <i>Mountague,</i> <i>Resolution,</i> <i>Suffolk,</i>	} Off of <i>Dunkirk</i> .
6	<i>Lark,</i> <i>Firebrand,</i>	
3	<i>Royal Oak,</i>	} Gone to <i>Sheerness</i> for a Foremast.
4	<i>Norwich,</i>	} Gone to <i>Portsmouth</i> to refit.
	<i>Sewern,</i>	} Gone to the <i>Nore</i> to bring victualling Ships to the <i>Downs</i> .
6	<i>Greyhound.</i>	} Ordered from <i>Shoreham</i> to the <i>Downs</i> .
1	<i>Britannia,</i> <i>St. Andrew,</i>	} At several Places, under Orders to proceed to the <i>Downs</i> .
2	<i>Royal Katharine,</i>	
3	<i>Content,</i> <i>Restauration,</i>	
4	<i>Litchfield,</i> <i>Portland.</i>	

Here it may be observed, that the early fitting out of the Fleet, and the Untowardness of the Weather, occasioned great Sicknefs among the Men, infomuch that near five hundred were put on shore at *Deal*, and many who remained on board the Ships were in an ill Condition.

The Sicknefs of the Men occasioned by the early fitting out of the Fleet.

A Line of Battel was now formed of all such Ships as either were with him, or that might reasonably be expected upon any pressing Occasion, which amounted in the whole to two First Rates, five Seconds, twenty two Thirds, and seventeen Fourths of the *English*; and of the *Dutch* four of ninety, or ninety four Guns, seven of seventy, and six from sixty six to sixty, besides eight *English*, and five *Dutch* Fireships, with five of our small Frigates, and seven Brigantines: Moreover there were two First Rates, the *Britannia* and *St. Andrew*, and a Second Rate, the *St. Michael*, which being under Orders to proceed to him to the *Buoy of the Nore*, join'd him the twenty third of *April*.

A Line of Battel formed

About this time there was Advice from *Ostend* that Monsieur *Du Bart* was fitting out at *Dunkirk* eight Ships of War and two Fireships. The Reports of his Design were various; some said, it was to join the whole Fleet; others, to protect the Vessels bound from *St. Malo* and *Havre de Grace* to *Dunkirk* and *Calais*; whereas some thought that he intended to cruise in the North Chanel; while others had a Jealousy that he intended to attack his Majesty in his Passage to *Holland*, though in my Opinion there was little reason to apprehend the latter; for at the beginning of the War he did not think fit to attempt it, although his Majesty had with him no

Du Bart fitting out a Squadron at Dunkirk.

Observations upon Du Bart's meeting the King in his Passage to Holland.

other than foul Ships of any Strength, whereas *Du Bart* had several just come out of *Dunkirk* clean, with which he lay by for some time, not much beyond the Reach of Gun-shot, without daring to gain himself the Reputation of giving our Ships one Broadside, although he might, at pleasure, have run round them, without exposing himself to any great Danger: But Blows being not his Business, he reserved his Squadron for some better Opportunity of Advantage on Merchant Ships, or such as could not make any considerable Resistance.

Sir George Rooke arrives in the Downs from the Streights, and takes the Command of the Fleet. He arrives at Spithead. 1696.

Before Sir *Cloudfly Shovell* could proceed to *Spithead* with the Fleet, Sir *George Rooke*, Admiral of the White, arrived in the *Downs* from the *Streights*, and took upon him the sole Command; and after he had dispatched such Matters as were necessary, with respect not only to the Fleet, but those Ships he was ordered to detach therefrom on particular Services, he sailed and arrived at *Spithead* the thirtieth of *April*, having left some small Ships and the Bomb-Vessels behind, to bring after him near a thousand Men in sick Quarters at *Deal*, *Dover*, *Sandwich*, *Ramsgate*, and other Places thereabouts.

Orders sent him to proceed into the Soundings.

The second of *May* he received pressing Orders to proceed into the *Soundings*, but the Ships which came home with him from the *Streights* being not in a Condition for immediate Service, since, besides other things, they more especially wanted Beer and Stores, he thought it adviseable to call a Council of War, where it was determined to sail with the very first Opportunity, after they should be supplied with what was absolutely necessary to enable them to keep at Sea; but that in the Interim the State and Condition of the Fleet should be represented to the Lords of the Admiralty, which consisted of six First Rates, eight Seconds, twenty two Thirds, and three Fourths, of the *English*; and of the *Dutch* sixteen, whereof there were three of ninety Guns, eight of seventy and seventy four, four of sixty and sixty four, and one of fifty, besides the Fireships, Frigates, and small Vessels of both Nations, being in the whole of the Line of Battel but fifty five, and the *English* Ships, from the First to the Third Rate, wanted upwards of three thousand three hundred Men of nineteen thousand five hundred their allowed Complement.

A Council of War resolves to sail when the Ships could be furnished with what they wanted.

The reason of the Fleet's being reduced to a smaller Number than designed.

The reason of the Fleet's being reduced to so small a Number, was the other Services hereafter mentioned, on which many of the Ships at home were employed, *viz.*

Rate.	Ships Names.
3	<i>Resolution,</i> <i>Monmouth,</i> <i>Dunkirk,</i> <i>Content,</i> <i>Defiance,</i> <i>Severne,</i>
4	Fireships, Two,

Cruising in the *Soundings* to protect the Trades expected home.

Rate.	Ships Names.	
3	<i>Berwick,</i> <i>Edgar,</i> <i>Lion,</i>	} Appointed Convoys for <i>Bilboa, Portugal,</i> and the <i>Canaries.</i>
4	<i>Medway,</i>	
3	Fireships, <i>Three,</i>	} Ordered to the <i>Nore.</i>
3	<i>Cornwall,</i>	
4	Fireships, <i>Two,</i>	} Off of <i>Dunkirk.</i>
4	<i>Pembroke,</i>	
3	Fireships, <i>Two,</i>	} In <i>Portsmouth</i> Har- bour.
3	<i>Humber,</i> <i>Sterling-Castle,</i> <i>Elizabeth,</i>	
	<i>Breda.</i>	} Laid up at <i>Portf-</i> <i>mouth.</i>

So that seventeen *English* Ships (besides *Dutch*) were taken from the Number first appointed for the Body of the Fleet, all which were of the Line of Battel.

Sir *George Rooke* was, soon after his Return from *Cadiz*, appointed Admiral and Commander in Chief of the Fleet, and directed to proceed therewith, and place himself in such a Station as he might judge most proper for preventing the Squadron expected from *Thoulon*, with their Convoys, getting into any Port of *France*; and according to such Intelligence as he should get of their Proceedings, to remove to other Stations, for the more effectual Performance of that Service. Upon meeting them, or his being informed they were got into any Port where he might attack them, he was to endeavour to do it: But if he received certain Advice they were got into *Brest*, he was then to come with the Fleet to *Torbay*, and remain there until farther Order.

Sir George Rooke ordered to lie in a Station to prevent the Thoulon Ships getting to Brest.

These were the Contents of his Instructions; but he was under no little Uneasiness how to put them in Execution, by reason of the great want of Men, as well as the small Strength of the Fleet, as to the Number of Ships, and therefore he called another Council of War, where it was nevertheless resolved to proceed West fifteen Leagues from *Ushant*, and that in their Passage some small Frigates and Brigantines should be sent for Intelligence, and particularly to discover whether the *Thoulon* Squadron was got into *Brest*: But yet the Council of War thought it convenient to represent, That since the Fleet was reduced to thirty seven *English* Ships, and twenty *Dutch*, of the Line of Battel, they would be of less Strength than the *Thoulon* Squadron, and that of Monsieur *Nesmond's*, if join'd. However, to strengthen them all that possibly could be, he was ordered to take with him three Third Rates, one Fourth, and three of the Fireships which were appointed for foreign Convoys.

A Council of War resolve on the Station.

Being off of *Dartmouth* the eighth of this Month, the *Oxford* join'd him, whose Captain was in the Morning informed by the Master of a *Portuguese* Ship bound to *Rotterdam*, that six Days before

The Fleet off of Dartmouth.

Sir George Rooke receives Advice of the French Ships.

before in the Latitude of forty five Degrees, Cape *Finisterre* then bearing South, distant about forty Leagues, he met with a Fleet of *French Ships* of War, being in all forty Sail, thirty four of them from fifty to eighty Guns, as nigh as he could judge, and that they were then steering away N. N. E. with the Wind W. N. W. four of them Flag Ships, viz. the Vice and Rear-Admirals of the White, and Vice and Rear-Admirals of the Blue.

A great want of cruising Frigates.

The Admiral was in great want of cruising Frigates for Intelligence, infomuch that the *French Scouts* and Privateers made their Observations without Interruption; and by reason of small Gales Southerly, our Fleet was kept on the Coast of *England* until the twelfth.

The Lime brings an Account of the French Ships coming thro' the Streights.

The Night before the *Lime* came in, which Ship the Admiral had left to cruise about the *Streights*, her Captain having received Advice the second of *April* from the *English* Consul at *Malaga*, that the *French Fleet* were seen off of *Almeria Bay* the twenty eighth of the preceding Month; and the ninth of *April* he was farther informed that they were plying Westward off of *Cape de Gates*, and that eight of their best Sailers were got as low as *Moril*. Three Days after, by the help of a strong *Levant*, he got through the *Streights*, when lying off of *Cape Spartell* to observe their Motion, about Three in the Afternoon he made four of them coming down the *Barbary Shore*, which giving him chase, they forced him the next Day into the Bay of *Cadiz*, where he had Advice the sixteenth, by an Express from *Gibraltar*, that the Enemy were at an Anchor off of that Place. The twenty first he plied up to his Station off of *Cape Spartell*, and saw near fifty Sail coming down under the Land before the Wind, but five of them making towards him, he could not discover the Body of the Fleet again until next Morning about Ten, when they were between the Bay of *Lagos* and *Cape St. Vincent*, going away large with a prest Sail, the Wind at E. S. E.

The Fleet coming off of Ushant.

The fourteenth of *May*, in the Morning, our Fleet came on the Coast of *Ushant*, and then a Squadron of Ships, with small Vessels, were sent under the Command of Captain *Basil Beaumont* between that and the Main for Intelligence. Without any Resistance he stood in to *Camaret* and *Bertheaume Bays*, and saw as much in *Broad Sound* as it was possible to do without passing their Forts, counting twenty two Sail, seventeen or eighteen of which he judged were Ships of the Line of Battel, and eight or nine of them with three Decks, with four Flags, viz. Admiral, and Vice, Rear-Admiral of White and Blue, and Rear-Admiral of the White, which, according to the Opinion of the Pilots, were all the Ships of Force they had there: But by the Captain of a *French Man of War*, called the *Foudroyant*, taken by Captain *Norris*, the Admiral was informed the *Thoulon Fleet* got into *Brest* the fifth, Old Style, and that they were forty seven Ships of the Line, four others being obliged to return to *Thoulon*, by reason of the Damage they received before they passed the *Streights*. This Prize had not been at Sea, but was now going to join Monsieur *Chasteau Renault's* Squadron, one of which he took Captain *Norris's* Ship to be, their Station being,

Advice received of the French Ships being got into Brest.

being, as he said, about S. W. and by W. forty eight Leagues from *Scilly*, in Number two Ships with three Decks, two of seventy Guns, two of sixty, and two of about thirty; but by the Account given by Captain *Fitz Patrick*, it was judged that even this Squadron was seen going into *Brest*, some whereof he had certainly engaged with, had they not retired upon discovering other of our Ships advancing towards them.

Upon the first Account given by Captain *Beaumont*, a Council of War of all the Flag Officers was called, and since it appeared uncertain whether or no the *Thoulon* Fleet was got into *Brest*, it was resolved to continue in the appointed Rendezvous as long as the Winds hung Easterly, in Expectation of the Ships ordered to reinforce the Fleet, and in the mean time to endeavour to gain farther Intelligence, by taking People from the Shore, and sending a small Frigate, with an Advice Boat to *Belle Isle*, to discover whether any part of the *French* Fleet was there. But upon the aforementioned Account, received afterwards from Captain *Fitz Patrick*, and what was reported by some Persons taken from the Shore, it was judged there was no room to doubt of the *Thoulon* Fleet, and Monsieur *Nesmond's* Squadrons being in *Brest*; so that the Flag-Officers were called together again the eighteenth, when they resolved to lie as near the Rendezvous as possible, while the Winds hung Northerly or Easterly; but upon the first Shift Southerly, or Westerly, to repair to *Torbay*, as the Lords of the Admiralty had directed by their Orders of the twenty ninth of the last Month.

The next Day Vice Admiral *Evertson*, with twelve *Dutch* Men of War, joined the Admiral, together with an *English* Fourth Rate, the *Sunderland*, and the *Fortune* Fire-ship, as Vice-Admiral *Aylmer* also did in the *Elizabeth*, with the *N-wirk* and *Mary*, and between thirty and forty Sail more, among which were the Bomb-Vessels and Tenders: But, according to what was determined, the Fleet came to *Torbay* the twenty third, several Cruisers being stationed between *Ushant* and the Isle of *Bas*, the *Start* and *Ushant*, and off of the *Lizard*. At this time the whole Naval Strength was one hundred and fifteen Ships and Vessels, sixty seven of them *English*, and forty eight *Dutch*, whereof eighty five were of the Line of Battel, of which forty nine were *English*, viz. six First Rates, eight Seconds, twenty eight Thirds, and seven Fourths. Of the *Dutch* there were thirty six, eight of which carried ninety Guns, fourteen between seventy and seventy four, eleven of sixty four, and three of about fifty; but several of their Companies were very sickly, especially those which came from the *Streights*, insomuch that there wanted full four thousand Men in ours; nor was there any great Prospect of their sudden Recovery, since the little Villages thereabouts were not capable of receiving many.

A Council of War resolve to continue in the Station.

It is afterwards determined to come to Torbay with the first Southerly or Westerly Wind.

Several Dutch and English Ships join the Fleet.

The Fleet comes to Torbay.

C H A P. XIX.

John Lord Berkeley's Proceedings with the Fleet in and about the Chanel, and of several Attempts made on the French Coast, &c.

Sir George Rooke ordered to his Duty at the Admiralty Board, and John Lord Berkeley to command the Fleet.

A Proposal made by Sir George Rooke for attempting the French at Camaret.

A Council of War think it not practicable to attempt the French in Brest Harbour.

THE twenty seventh of *May* Sir *George Rooke* was ordered to return to his Duty at the Admiralty-Board, and to leave the Command of the Fleet to the Lord *Berkeley*, who was appointed Admiral thereof; but before he came on shore, he had Advice from Commissioner *St. Loe* at *Plimouth* that one of our Advice-Boats, the *Mercury*, had counted a little above *Camaret Bay* seventy Sail of *French* Men of War, all ready to come to Sea, with four Flags flying, three whereof Blue and one White, and in the Bay itself five small Ships more; which Account he communicated to the Lords of the Admiralty. Being come to Town, he made the following Proposal to the Duke of *Shrewsbury*, Principal Secretary of State; "That the Body of the Fleet should lie in *Camaret* and *Bertheaume* Bays, and a Detachment be made to sustain the small Frigates and Bomb-Vessels, while they went in to do what Mischief they could. "It was his Opinion that by thus blocking up the Enemy's Fleet in their principal Port, insulting their Coasts, and burning their Towns at the same time, it would expose them to the World, make them very uneasy at home, and give Reputation to his Majesty's Arms; and this he believed might be done, if speedily undertaken, with the Assistance of some small Frigates, which were much wanted.

The Lord *Berkeley* arriving in *Torbay* the third of *June*, he immediately betook himself to the Dispatch of all things necessary; and since a Council of War, both of *English* and *Dutch* Flag-Officers, thought it not practicable to attempt the *French* in the Harbour of *Brest*, he was ordered to consult with them how the Fleet might be best employed the remaining part of the Summer.

It was agreed, if the *French* disarmed not, to proceed to the Coast of *France* for the Space of fourteen or fifteen Days, for that thereby if they had not an Opportunity of destroying some of their Shipping, yet it might very much alarm them, and occasion the weakening their Armies by keeping up their Militia, and standing Forces.

It was also determined, that upon notice of their sending any Squadrons to molest our Trade, an equal Strength should be detached to oppose them, and that when the *French* disarmed their Ships, it would be convenient to divide ours, some to bombard their Towns, and others on necessary Services: but yet that the whole should be so disposed of as that they might unite upon any emergent Occasion.

On the sixteenth a Council of War was called, upon the Receipt of Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty, touching the Fleet's lying

ing in *Bertheaume* and *Camaret* Bays, and a Squadron's being sent with the Bomb-Vessels to destroy some of the *French* Towns; and though it was judged that the Fleet could not ride in either of those Bays out of Bomb-shot, yet was it resolved to sail, when Weather would permit, and look thereinto, and endeavour to destroy what Ships they might meet with there. Accordingly the Admiral turn'd it up as high as *Dartmouth*, but the Tide of Ebb being spent, and it blowing hard at W. S. W. he was constrained to repair to *Torbay*, and the next Day, being the nineteenth, the *Dutch* Admiral had Orders from his Majesty to send to *Holland* eight Ships of the Line of Battel.

A Resolution to sail to Bertheaume and Camaret Bays.

Eight Dutch Line of Battel-Ships ordered home.

The Weather being fair, and the Fleet sailing the twenty fourth of *June*, with the Wind at N. N. W. they had the good Fortune to get out of the Chanel, and in *Broad Sound* one of our Ships took a *French* Privateer which came from *Brest* fourteen Days before. The Prisoners said all the great Ships were up in the River; that there were about thirty Sail in *Brest-Water*, cleaned, and going out in two Squadrons, one under the Command of Monsieur *Chateau Renault*, and the other with Monsieur *Nesmond*; whereupon it was determin'd to sail with the Fleet to *Belle Isle*, and from thence to send ten Ships to protect the Bombardment of *St. Martin's* and *Olonne*.

Advice received of the firing out two Squadrons at Brest for Monsieurs Chateau Renault and Nesmond.

The fourth of *July* the Fleet anchored about two Leagues from *Belle Isle*, some of our Men having been landed before at *Grouais*, where they burnt most part of the Villages, and killed and brought off many Cattel without any Resistance, for the People had deserted the Island. A little before the Fleet came to an Anchor, all the Barges and Pinnaces were sent to *Houat*, one of the Islands called the *Cardinals*, where the Men landed, and brought off about three hundred Head of Cattel. Next Day the *Kent*, *Boyne*, and *Torbay*, with two *Dutch* Ships of War, and all the Long-Boats of the Admiral's Division, were sent to *Grouais*, and about seven hundred Soldiers and Marines landing there, they finished what had been begun, by burning almost twenty Villages. The Boats employed against *Houat* were ordered on the like Service against *Heydic*; so that, upon a modest Computation, there were destroyed about twenty Vessels, and thirteen hundred Houses; and near sixteen hundred Head of black Cattel and Horses were killed. Upon the Island *Grouais* there were not any Fortifications, but on each of the *Cardinals* there was a Fort, with a deep Ditch and a double Wall, to which the Inhabitants, with some Soldiers, retired. These Services being performed, the Admiral had thoughts of landing on *Belle Isle*; but since there were but two hundred and forty of Colonel *Norcott's* Men, (the rest being gone with the Bomb-Vessels) it was not judged advisable; for the Enemy had there twenty five Companies of the Regiment of *Picardy*, besides three thousand Islanders, who could carry Arms.

The Fleet anchors off of Belle Isle, and did mischief at Grouais and other Places.

The reason why we landed not at Belle Isle.

Thus ended these little Enterprizes, and a Council of War determin'd that the Fleet should stay off *Belle Isle* five Days longer, to cover the Ships at the Isle of *Rhe*, and then proceed off of *Ushant*,

Damage done
to St. Martin's
and Olonne.

the said Ships, with the Bomb-Vessels, having very much damaged the Towns of *St. Martin's* and *Olonne*; which leaving on fire, after having expended almost two thousand Bombs and Carcasses, they join'd the Fleet.

Monsieur Nesmond seen at Sea by a Merchant Ship.

On the nineteenth Captain *Beaumont* met with a Ship from *Lisbon* bound to the *Downs*, whose Master informed him that four Days before he fell in with a Squadron of nine Sail, commanded by Monsieur *Nesmond*, in the Latitude of 46, about eighty Leagues from the Northward Cape; that he was on board the Commandore, and understood they had not been above four Days from *Brest*, being bound off of Cape *St. Vincent* to look for the *Spanish West-India* Ships.

Vice-Admiral Mitchell ordered into the Soundings with a Squadron.

The Fleet being now in great want of most Species of Provisions, the Admiral judged it absolutely necessary to move Eastward, left what they had yet remaining should spend faster than they could be supplied, but more especially if the victualling Ships expected from *Portsmouth* happen'd to be detained by Westerly Winds; and having made a hard shift to victual ten third Rates, two Fourths, and two Fireships, he put them under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Mitchell*, whom he ordered to cruise in the *Soundings* for protecting the several Trades expected home.

The Body of the Fleet very inconsiderable by reason of Detachments.

So many of the *Dutch* were withdrawn, that there remained but eleven, seven whereof were to be part of the Western Convoy; and by these Detachments the Body of the Fleet was so very inconsiderable, that when the Convoys of both Nations came to *Torbay*, Admiral *Allemonde* was forced to go with his own Ship, in Company of others particularly appointed, to secure them well into the Sea; and it was render'd yet weaker, by Sir *Cloudefly Shovel's* being ordered by the Lords of the Admiralty with five Ships to *Spithead*; infomuch that the Admiral soon after received Orders to repair thither also, where he arrived the thirtieth, with six First Rates, as many Seconds, and four Thirds, together with four Fireships, and some small Vessels, from whence he came to Town; but before he left *Torbay* the *Portland* brought in a Sloop of the Enemy's, whose Commander gave his Lordship an Account that Monsieur *Chateau Renault* failed from *Brest* about fifteen Days before (on what Design he knew not) with sixteen Men of War, and two Fireships, which were victualled for five Months.

Lord Berkeley arrives at Spithead.

Advice of Monsieur Chateau Renault's being at Sea.

And now the Service of the main Fleet in a Body being over for this Year, it remains that I give some Account of Vice-Admiral *Mitchell's* Proceedings in the *Soundings*, who chasing on the sixteenth of *August* three Ships which stood Eastward, which he judged to be Privateers, there happened on a sudden a violent Storm of Wind and Rain which blew away every Ship's Main-sail that was set; the *Torbay's* Fore-top-mast came by the Board, although there was not a Knot of Sail on it, and the *Restauration*, a Third Rate, was so disabled, that she was forced to go to *Spithead*, having sprung her Bow-sprit, broke her Main-yard, and her Main and Mizentop-mast.

An Account of Vice-Admiral Mitchell's Proceedings in the Soundings.

The twenty ninth the Vice-Admiral was informed from the Lords of the Admiralty that the *East-India Company* desired the Squadron might cruise three hundred Leagues West from *Ireland*, between the Latitudes of 49 and 50, for the better Security of their Trade expected home; but it appearing that the Ships had not more than four Weeks Water, and not above three Weeks Butter, Cheefe, and other Necessaries, it was not thought practicable for them to proceed so far Westward as the Company expected they should.

After this a Letter from Captain *Crow*, dated the tenth of *August*, to the Lord *Berkeley*, was taken into Consideration, by which he gave an Account that our *Portugal Fleet* was daily expected home, whereupon a Council of War resolved to continue in the former Station, sixty Leagues S. W. from the *Lizard*, until the seventh of *September*, and then to rendezvous S. W. W. forty Leagues from the said Place, until the fifteenth: And since their Provisions would be then reduced to about ten or fifteen Days, it was determined to make the best of their way to *Spithead*, where arriving, he, pursuant to Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty, took care forgetting the *Boyne, Sunderland, Expedition, Hampton-Court, Mary, and Severne*, ready to go into the *Soundings*, in Company of the *Newark, Chichester, and Restauration*; and having prepared the necessary Instructions for their so doing, was constrained to go on shore for Recovery of his Health.

This Squadron Captain *George Meeze* being appointed to command, he was on the twenty ninth of *September* ordered to proceed threewith into the *Soundings*, and to cruise there and elsewhere between *Cape Clear* and *Cape Finisterre*, for Security of the Trade; and accordingly he continued in that Station as long as his Provisions would last, and then returned to *Spithead* with three *French Privateers*, one of 38 Guns, another of 36, and the third of 14.

In his Cruise he met with a *Vessel* from *Newfoundland*, whose Master informed him that eight *Privateers*, one of which had 50 Guns, three of 40 each, and another 36, the others smaller, together with two *Fireships*, came on that Coast the beginning of *September*, and destroyed the Plantations of *Ferryland, Agna Fort, Fermooze, Renooze, Loude's Cove, Breakburst*, and the Bay of *Bulls*; in which Bay our own People burnt the *Sapphire*, a Fifth Rate, to prevent her falling into the Enemy's Hands.

Capt. George Meeze appointed to command a Squadron, and sent into the Soundings.

Intelligence of the Mischief the French had done us at Newfoundland.

CHAP. XX.

Rear-Admiral Benbow's Proceedings with a Squadron of Ships appointed to cruise against those of Dunkirk.

THE Beginning of *May* Rear-Admiral *Benbow* was ordered to command the Squadron which lay off of *Dunkirk*, to prevent Monsieur *Du Bart's* getting thence, which Ships he found lying

ing North from that Port about five Leagues. He went with his Boat within a Mile of the Enemy's Ships in *Flemish Road*, which were nine, all ready to sail, and since the Wind was then out of the Western Quarter, with fair Weather, and that the Tides were coming on, he expected them out of the North *Chanel*; wherefore having not Ships sufficient to cover both, he spread those he had, *English* and *Dutch*, before that Passage, and it being hazey next Day, he sent a Ship into the West *Chanel*, where there was not any thing to be seen; and next Morning a Boat which was ordered close in with the Shore, brought an Account that there was not any Ships in *Flemish Road*; so that he found Monsieur *Du Bart* had given him the Slip out of the East *Chanel*.

The French Ships get cut from Dunkirk.

The Rear-Admiral proceeds to the Doggar Bank in Search of them.

On the twentieth the Rear-Admiral spoke with the Master of a Vessel from *Norway*, who had seen *du Bart*, on the West End of the *Doggar Bank*, with eleven Sail, laying his Head Eastward under his Low-Sails, the Wind at N. N. E. and being of Opinion that he would cruise some time between that Place and the *Texel*, he proceeded thither; but the *Dutch* having no Orders so to do, refused to accompany him,

The twelfth of *June* he received Advice in *Tarmouth Roads* that Monsieur *Du Bart* had met with, near the South End of the *Doggar Bank*, five *Dutch* Men of War, and about seventy Merchant Ships bound to *Holland* from the East Country, the former of which he had taken, and about thirty of the others, but set fire to four of the Frigates upon the Approach of thirteen *Dutch* Ships which gave him chase.

Du Bart takes several Dutch Men of War and Merchant Ships.

The Rear-Admiral no sooner received this Advice than he ordered the Ships bound to the East Country to anchor, and getting under Sail with his Squadron he came up with the Trade from *Hull*, under Convoy of five *Dutch* Men of War, by whom he was informed that they saw eight Sail to the South-East that very Morning, whereupon they proceeded together in Search of them; but not meeting those *French* Ships, nor any farther Account of their Proceedings, he returned again to *Tarmouth Roads*, and sailing from thence arrived at *Gottenburgh* with the East Country Trade the thirtieth of *June*, having detached necessary Convoys to the Ships bound to the several Ports. At *Gottenburgh* he was informed by the Master of a *Danish* Ship who came from the *Cow* and *Calf* in *Norway*, that he had left Monsieur *Du Bart* there with ten Sail, cleaning and watering, who had, for his greater Security, placed a considerable Number of Guns on Shore.

Rear-Admiral Benbow and some Dutch Ships of War go in quest of *du Bart*. He hears at *Gottenburgh* that he was at the *Cow* and *Calf*.

Our Ships were not in Condition to go in Search of him, otherwise they might very probably have done Service; but since there was a Want of Provisions, and many other Necessaries, the Rear-Admiral was constrained to return to *Tarmouth Roads*, and from thence to the *Downs*, where being supplied, he repaired to *Hamburgh*, in order to his securing from thence a rich Trade, which had only two Frigates for their Convoy.

The Rear-Admiral returns to *Tarmouth Roads*, and then proceeds to Convoy the Trade from *Hamburgh*.

In his Passage towards that Place he was informed the said Trade was arrived off of *Orfordness*, so that his Care for them being over, he

he proceeded off of the *Broad Fourteens* to look for Monsieur *Du Bart*, where on the fifteenth Day of *September* he met with ten *Dutch Men of War*, which came from the North, bound to the *Maes*; and on the eighteenth he spoke with the *Ruby*, together with three *English East-India Ships*, which had come North about, being designed with eleven *Dutch* for the *Texel*.

The Trade being arrived he goes off of the Broad Fourteens.

Next Day he discovered ten Ships W. N. W. of him, and making all the Sail he could to speak with them, found by their working that they were Monsieur *Du Bart's Squadron*, who had missed the fairest Opportunity imaginable of taking those fourteen *East-India Men*: Two of our Ships got within an *English League* of him, but the rest were near three astern; and when Mr. *Benbow* came to steer the same Course they did, it plainly appeared they wrong'd him very much; so that losing Sight of them, when the Night came on, and they shewing no Lights, he gave over the Chase.

He sees Du Bart, and chases him.

About this time the King having Advice that the *French* were making great Preparations at *Brest*, in order to a Descent on this Kingdom, Sir *Cloudesty Shovell* was sent off of that Port with a considerable Squadron of Ships; but soon after it was found that this Equipment was no other than a Squadron of Ships for Monsieur *Ponty*, with which he failed to *Cartagena*, as will be related in its proper Place.

Apprehension of a Descent from Brest, and Sir Cloudesty Shovell sent out. Proved to be Monsieur Ponty's Squadron sitting out.

CHAP. XXI.

Rear-Admiral Nevil's Proceedings to and in the West-Indies, with an Account of his engaging a French Squadron, and of Mr. Meeze's taking Petit Guavas.

INOW come to the Squadron sent abroad under the Command of Rear-Admiral *Nevil*; who arriving at *Cadiz* the ninth of *December*, apply'd himself to the Governor, but could get no certain Account of the *Spanish Flota*, nor did he find there was any Squadron of *French Ships* cruising for them. On the sixteenth of *January* Vice-Admiral *Evertson*, with three *Dutch Men of War*, and forty five Merchant Ships of several Nations, which had been separated in a Storm, as also the *Turky Convoy*, joined him, and as soon as he had dispatched the said Trade home, he put to Sea with the Squadron, in Obedience to the Commands he had received from his Majesty. When he had reached fifty Leagues S. W. by W. from *Cadiz*, he opened other Orders from the King, and pursuant thereunto, made all the Sail he could to the Island of *Madera*, where he was to be joined with some Ships under Command of Captain *George Meeze*, who was appointed Rear-Admiral in this Expedition. He ply'd about that Island fifty eight Days before any Part of this additional Strength from *England* arrived, and even then no

1696. Rear-Admiral Nevil arrives with a Squadron at Cadiz. Is joined by some Dutch Men of War, and the Turky Convoy. Sailing from Cadiz he opens the King's private Orders, and proceeds to Maderias. He cruises there a long time for Rear-Admiral Meeze.

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more joined him than the Rear-Admiral with his own Ship, the *Bristol*, and *Lightning* Fireship; the others both *English* and *Dutch*, having been separated in a Fog just as he left the Isle of *Wight*; but the Place appointed for their Rendezvous being *Barbadoes*, the Vice-Admiral put out to Sea, and stretched it away Southward, that so he might fall into the Way of a Trade Wind. Being the first of *April* about four hundred Leagues S. W. of *Madera*, he sent the *Bristol*, a good Sailor, to *Barbadoes*, with a Letter to the Governor, desiring him to dispatch a Sloop, or some proper Vessel to *Martinica*, to gain Intelligence of Monsieur *Ponty*, or any other considerable Force the *French* might have in those Parts; and arriving himself at *Barbadoes* the seventeenth, he found there all the Ships except those of the States-General, the *Gosport* and *Blaze* Fireship; and the Sloop coming to him from *Martinica* brought an Account that there were but two small Ships at that Place, judged to be Privateers. Not long after this the *Dutch* together with the *Gosport* joined him; so that after staying a few Days to take in Water, and to settle some other necessary Matters, he got up his Anchors, and bore away for *Antegoa*, the Place of Rendezvous, but kept an easy Sail, that so the *Dutch* Ships might come up with him, which had hooked some Rocks, and therefore could not readily follow.

He proceeds towards Barbadoes.

Arrives at Barbadoes.

Sails for Antegoa.

1697.

Consults with General Codrington.

The third of *May* he went on Shore to advise with Colonel *Codrington*, Governor and Captain-General of the *Leeward* Islands, who had Intelligence from *St. Thomas's*, *Curaçao*, and *Providence* Island, that the *French* designed to attack *St. Domingo*, in order whereunto they had for several Months past been cutting a Path through the Woods, that so they might march by Land thither from *Petit Guavas*.

A Council of War called, and agreed to sail in search of the Spanish Flota.

The Vice-Admiral hereupon consulted all the Officers, both *English* and *Dutch*, who agreed it was proper to sail to *Punta de la Guada*, on the N. W. Side of *Porto-Rico*, for the better Security of the *Spanish* Fleet, (for that was a principal thing recommended to him by his Majesty's Instructions) where it was usual with them to stop to refresh their Men; and there it was determined to remain until farther Intelligence could be got of the Enemy, for had the Squadron gone to *Jamaica*, they could not have beat it up to Windward time enough from thence to *St. Domingo*, or any other Place on *Hispaniola*. The same Day that this Resolution was taken he failed, and the next sent one of the Frigates to *St. Thomas's* for a Pilot to conduct her to *Porto-Rico* for Intelligence, from whence she was to return to *Punta de la Guada*, the Place of Rendezvous; but if the Squadron did not arrive there in seven Days time, to make the best of her Way to *Jamaica*.

This Frigate joined him on the eighth of *May*, and brought with her Mr. *Price*, who commanded an *English* Merchant Ship that had been seized by the *French*, and carried to *Petit Guavas*, as also two *Spanish* Gentlemen, one of them the Lieutenant of the *Margareta Patache*, taken on the Coast of *Curaçao*, and the other Lieutenant of the *Santo Christo*, Vice-Admiral of the *Barlovento*

vento Fleet; who all declared, that Monsieur *Ponty* sailed from *Pointe Guavas* the eleventh of *March*, Old Style, with twenty six Ships, small and great. This occasioned a Council of War, where it was resolv'd forthwith to proceed to *Jamaica*; and being off of the East End of that Island the fifteenth of *May*, the Vice-Admiral met with a Sloop, whose Master inform'd him there was a flying Report of the *French* Squadron's being before *Cartagena*; wherefore he stay'd no longer than was absolutely necessary to take in Water, but sail'd from *Port Royal*, and attempted to go out of the *Leeward* Chanel, wherein he was prevented by the dying away of the Land-Breeze; for, contrary to the Knowledge of all Persons acquainted in those Parts, the Wind out of the Sea blew six Days and Nights together. During this time an *English* Sloop came in, which left *Porto Bello* the eighteenth of this Month, in Company of the Galleons, (which were fifteen in Number) and two Days after parted with them, steering away N. N. E. for *Jamaica*, where they intended to take in Provisions, being so much streighten'd that they had not enough to carry them to the *Havana*. The Vice-Admiral sent out two Sloops to look out for them, one off of the *Keys* of *Point Pedro*, and the other those of *Porto Morant*, on the East End of *Jamaica*, with Orders to let their General know that he was going to *Cartagena*, to see what could be done against the *French*, but that he would return to *Jamaica* in a short time.

He receives Intelligence of Monsieur Ponty's Squadron.

He heard a flying Report of Ponty's being at Cartagena.

Had Advice of the Galleons.

The twenty fourth taking the Advantage of a small Gale off of Shore, he got clear of the *Keys*, steering away S. E. by S. and S. S. E. for *Cartagena*, and being the twenty seventh about half Seas over, that Part of his Squadron which was to Windward made the Signal of seeing Ships standing Westward, whereupon he immediately tacked and stood after them with a prest Sail, judging them to be either *French*, or the *Spanish* Galleons. Early next Day he discover'd them to be ten Ships of War, and two Flyboats, to which giving chase, the *Warwick*, a Ship of 50 Guns, coming on the Broadside of one of them, fired at her; but the *French* Ship by wronging her very much in sailing got clear. Soon after this the aforesaid Ship the *Warwick* came up with a Flyboat loaden with Powder, Cannon-Ball, Shells, and one Mortar, which Vessel she took; and by this time our Squadron had gain'd considerably upon the Enemy; but the Wind coming to the N. E. they got to Windward.

In his Passage to Cartagena he meets with and chases Monsieur Ponty.

In the Afternoon the *Bristol*, *Trident*, *Gosport*, and *Newcastle*, being near them, they put themselves into Order of Battel, Monsieur *Ponty* himself firing several Shot at the *Bristol*; but soon after it was judg'd that Monsieur *de Labbé*, who acted as Vice-Admiral, with another of their Ships had a Design to leave them, as indeed it prov'd; for they being shot considerably a-head, did not endeavour to close the Line. Somewhat before eight at Night there happen'd a Squall of Wind, when our Ships which were nearest the Enemy made a Signal that they had tacked, whereupon our whole Squadron went about, and stood Southward all Night with a stout Sail.

The Damages
which our
Ships received
in their Masts
and Sails.

The next Morning, being the twenty ninth of *May*, it began to blow fresh, when Monsieur *Ponty*, with five Sail more, was about six or seven Miles a-head of the Vice Admiral, not but that some of our Ships were much nearer him, and the Chase being continued with a fresh Gale, which occasioned a great Sea, the *Bristol*, *Southampton*, and *Trident*, lost their Top-masts, and the Vice Admiral's own Ship, as well as that where Rear-Admiral *Meeze* bore his Flag, sprang also their Fore-top-masts: However they chased all Day, and in the Evening the *Rupert*, *Gosport*, *Sunderland*, *Colchester*, and a *Dutch Ship* of War, were not far from the Enemy, who, without tacking again, stood on Southward.

Next Morning, as soon as it was light, Monsieur *Ponty* was seen with five Ships about four Miles a-head, but all ours were out of Sight of the Flag except the *Sunderland*, *Pembroke*, and *Gosport*, and even they were considerably a-stern by reason of the Loss of their Top-masts; but as the Day came on others joined, and then it was found that the *Rupert*, *Colchester*, and a *Dutch Ship* had in the Night met with the like Misfortune.

The Vice-Admiral weathered and forereached upon Monsieur *Ponty*, infomuch that he made a Signal for those Ships, which kept a better Wind than he did, to bear down to him; nay he was once so near the sternmost of them that they had like to have come to Blows. As the Day came on the Gale freshen'd, and about nine it blew hard, at which time the *Pembroke's* Top-mast came by the board, and about ten the Vice-Admiral's Main-Sail gave Way in two Places, which he was forced to repair as it lay on the Yard.

When the *French* saw these Misfortunes (of which they had themselves no Share) they all took in their Fore-top-Sails; for being sharp Ships they could not well endure the great Sea. The Vice-Admiral quickly set his Main-Sail again, but running up with the Enemy the Clew of his Fore-Sail gave Way, the Sail itself splitting from Clew to Ear-ring, and soon after his Fore-top-Sail flew in pieces; so that before other Sails could be brought to the Yards, the *French* were shot a great Way a-head; but he made the Signal for the *Sunderland* and *Gosport* to keep Sight of them. The Main-top-mast of the first of those Ships went by the board, and as the Weather-Clew of her Fore-top-Sail failed; so the *Gosport* also sprung her Fore-Mast. Through these Misfortunes, which so unaccountably followed one after the other, the *French* Ships gained so much of ours that they could not be seen in the Night, nor was it known whether they tack'd or bore up, or which Way they stood, wherefore the Vice-Admiral kept on his Course Southward, but not any more of his Squadron were in Sight the next Morning than the *Sunderland* and *Gosport*, and they a-stern. These unlucky Accidents prevented that rich Booty's falling into our Hands which Monsieur *Ponty* had gotten together at the taking of *Carthagena*, and indeed it is somewhat strange that our Ships only should thus suffer in their Top-masts and Sails.

The supposed
Occasions of
so great Loss
of Masts and
Sails.

I know it has been alledged that the Heat in those Parts eats out all, or greatest Part of the Tar, whereby the Sails are weakened, and

apt to split even in the very Seams; but certain it is they as often rent in the Canvas too: And if our Sails were made of as good Stuff, and work'd up as well, I can see no Reason why they should not have proved as durable as those of the *French*, who being chafed were obliged to put theirs to as great a Trial, even after they had been longer exposed to the Heat of the Country. As for the Top-masts, it is probable that the Loss of them might chiefly proceed from the not letting them down far enough to the Head of the lower Masts; or rather, the not lengthening the Heads of those low Masts, that so one might have the greater Hold of the other; a thing that hath since been rectified.

The Weather at this time was very close, and the Vice-Admiral judging himself to be about eighteen Leagues short of *Carthagena*, the appointed Rendezvous, he stood in for that Place to pick up his Charter'd straggling Squadron, and in the Evening brought to within Sight of the Land, Rear-Admiral *Meeze*, with six Ships more, then joining him, which likewise had had all their Sails blown away.

The Vice-Admiral having lost the French fleets for Carthagena.

Next Evening he anchored before *Boca Chiga* Castle, at the Entrance of *Carthagena* Harbour, about five Miles Northward of the Town, when seeing a great Breach, he concluded the *French* had dismantled and quitted it; but that he might be better informed, he sent in a Boat with a Lieutenant and a *Spanish* Pilot in the Night, who found in the Town not above forty *Spaniards*, three or four of whom being brought to him, they gave an Account that the *French* had taken and quitted the Place, and that all the People had deserted it for fear of the Privateers, who were gleaning Monsieur *Ponty's* Leavings. Hereupon he weighed, and coming to an Anchor before the Town, offered to assist the Inhabitants with Men, Powder, Muskets, &c. but although they began to flock into the Place, with Intention to stay as long as the Squadron continued there, yet would not the Governor advance from the two Days Journey he had made into the Country; and the People were so terrify'd by the Privateers, who, after Monsieur *Ponty* failed, put many of them to the Torture, that they declared they would not stay a Moment longer than the Squadron did.

The Condition he found the Town in.

The Cruelty of the Privateers after Ponty failed.

At length the Governor took Courage, and coming into the Town next Day, sent his Lieutenant to inform the Vice-Admiral that he had not a Grain of Powder, no small Arms, or so much as a Musket-Ball; nor was it reasonable to believe (considering how the *Spanish* Garrisons in those Parts of the World, as well as in these, are generally provided for) that he was over-stocked when the Attempt was made; but notwithstanding his present Want, he neither condescended to ask for, or to purchase any; however the Vice-Admiral let him know that he was going that Night to Sea, being apprehensive the Galleons were in Danger, but that if the Winds should hang out of the Way he would spare him what Necessaries he was able.

The Want of Powder and Ammunition at Carthagena.

I may not here omit observing, that had he proceeded directly to *Carthagena*, instead of *Jamaica*, when, as it is said, he first received Advice from the Island of *St. Thomas* that the Enemy, after

having plundered that Place, were carelessly lying with their Ships in Port, it is very reasonable to believe he might have made himself Master of all the Riches they had on board them. Whether he himself inclined to make this Attempt, or, if so, he was diverted therefrom by the Majority of the Officers in the Squadron; (among whom, if I am rightly informed, there was no great Harmony) or whether Credit was given to the Intelligence, I am not able to say, it not appearing that an Affair of this Consequence was, as hath been customary, debated at a Council of War; but, however it happened, this is certain, that by the *English* and *Dutch* Ships proceeding to *Jamaica* before they went in Search of the *French* Squadron, they lost an Opportunity not only of enriching themselves, but of performing a Service which would have been very prejudicial to the Enemy.

Observations on Vice-Admiral Nevill's not proceeding directly to Carthagena.

The Vice-Admiral sails from Carthagena.

Next Day at Noon the Wind came Westerly, when the Vice-Admiral not hearing any thing from the Governor, he weighed and stood Eastward, leaving Orders for the Ships which were missing to follow him; and on the sixth discovering eight Privateers under the Shore of *Sambay*, he sent the *Colchester*, *Gosport*, *Virgin-Prize*, and *Lightning* Fireship to destroy them, which were afterwards to stand over to Cape *Tubaron*, the Place of Rendezvous, where if they found not the Squadron, they, and the other Ships missing, were ordered to repair to *Petit-Guavas*; but the Vice-Admiral being not able to fetch in with either of those Places, proceeded to *Hispaniola*, and having taken a Privateer of 24 Guns off of the Island of *Navaza*, Westward of *Hispaniola*, which the *Colchester* had given chase to, and burnt another of 12 Guns, that ran on shore near Cape *Donna Maria*, he anchored the nineteenth of *June*, in order to Water and Wood; but four or five Days before he had sent a Frigate to *St. Jago*, on the South part of *Cuba*, with a Letter to the Governor of the *Havana*, another to the General of the Gallions, which floating Magazines of Silver were certainly in great want of Provisions, otherwise they would not have ventured out of *Porto Bello*, knowing that they should be obliged to come up as high as *Carthagena* before they could stretch over and weather the Shoals: And as they did not come out above two Days before Monsieur *Ponty* left *Carthagena*, or without Knowledge of his being there; so is it not unreasonable to believe that he had Advice of their Departure from *Porto Bello*, and that he was cruising for them at the very time our Squadron met him and gave him chase.

He writes to the Governor of Havana, and General of the Gallions.

The hazard the Gallions were in from Ponty's Squadron.

The twenty second of *June* the Vice-Admiral was informed by Sir *William Beeston*, Governor of *Jamaica*, that it would be of great Service if he could destroy *Petit-Guavas*, whereupon he ordered Rear-Admiral *Meeze* thither with nine Ships of the Squadron; of whose Proceedings therein it is now proper to give the following Account. Before he arrived at *Petit-Guavas* he made a Detachment of about nine hundred Men from the Ships, two hundred and fifty whereof he put into a Sloop, one hundred on board a Fifth Rate Frigate, and the rest into the Boats; and when he came within sixteen or seventeen Leagues of the Place, he left the two Ships,

Rear-Admiral Meeze sent with a Squadron to destroy Petit-Guavas.

with

with Orders to their Commanders not to appear in fight, but to get in early the next Morning; but finding he could not reach the Port himself that Night, he directed them not to come in until the next Day.

On *Monday* the twenty eighth of *June*, at half an Hour after Three in the Morning, he landed, with Colonel *Kirkby*, Captain *Lytcot*, Captain *Holmes*, Captain *Julius*, Captain *Elliot*, and Captain *Moore*, and four hundred Men, a Mile Eastward of *Petit Guavas*, and then marched directly to the Town; the Sloop, with some of the Boats, which had on board them about one hundred of the Men, not being able to keep up with him. He thought the Place might with much more ease be taken by Surprize, with those Men he had, than by discovering himself, which he must have done by staying for the rest, and therefore entering it just at the Dawn of Day, he marched directly to, and immediately took the Grand Guard. When this was done he sent one hundred Men to secure two Batteries of four Guns each; and while the same was doing most of the *French* quit the Town.

Our People land at Petit-Guavas, and make themselves Masters of it.

Soon after the Sun was up the Sailers began to be so unruly that they could not be diverted from Plundering, and in an Hour or two most of them were so drunk, that notwithstanding the well laid Design of Mr. *Meeze* towards making himself and them Masters of the Plunder, by appointing a Captain, with some trusty Men, to begin at each end of the Town, and so to have met one another, he was constrain'd to set fire thereunto much sooner than he intended, otherwise he could not have depended on fifty sober and serviceable Men; so that not any thing was carried off except a few Negroes, and other inconsiderable Matters, although it was reported, (how truly I cannot say) that two Days before four Mules were brought into the Town loaden with Gold and Silver from the Isle of *Asb*, part of what the Privateers rifled at *Cartbagena*.

The Disorders of the Sailers prevent the carrying off the Plunder.

Our Officers and Men behaved with Bravery on this Occasion, the latter having cheerfully rowed many Leagues in that hot Country, and it was great pity that their Ungovernableness deprived both themselves and their Officers of what would have sufficiently made them amends for their Fatigue.

Having thus taken up a little of your time concerning *Petit-Guavas*, I will yet farther intrude on your Patience, by giving a short Account of the manner of Monsieur *Ponty's* attacking *Cartbagena*.

The thirteenth of *April* he appear'd before the Place with twenty six Ships, great and small, and bombard'd it until Ten in the Morning of the sixteenth. Then he attack'd the Castle of *Boca Chiga* with three Ships, two thousand Men, and two Mortars by Land, and about Five in the Afternoon made himself Master of it. Next Day the Fleet entering the Bay, he sent two thousand four hundred Men to the Castle of *Boca Grande*, which was found deserted; and landing the seventeenth at *Terra Firma*, he attacked and dispersed two hundred and forty *Mulatto's*, who defended themselves very well: After which they marched to a Hill called *De la Poupe*,

The manner of Monsieur Ponty's attacking Cartbagena.
1697.

Poupe, and there planted their Colours. On the eighteenth they attack'd the Fort called *St. Lazar's*, at the Foot of the said Hill, and after four vigorous Assaults the Defendants retired to the Town. The twentieth, twenty first, and twenty second, they batter'd the Suburb called *Gigimani*, by the Half-Moon at the Island-Gate, but on the twenty third and twenty fourth they ceased firing, the Men being employ'd in mounting five Mortars and twenty four great Guns, with which they batter'd the Fortifications the twenty fifth, twenty sixth, twenty seventh, and twenty eighth; and having opened a great Breach, they took in the Suburb the twenty ninth, after a handsome Defence; immediately after which they batter'd the Walls of the Town not only with the Guns from the Ships and on the Shore, but with Mortars also; whereupon the Alderman (the Civil Magistrate of the Place) finding the City so briskly attack'd, propos'd its being delivered up, but the Governor refused, and began to make inward Works to resist the Assaults: Nevertheless coming soon after to a Parly, he was prevailed upon, and Monsieur *Ponty*, with Monsieur *Du Cassé* concluded the Capitulations; which were, "That the Governor should march out on Horseback, with two Field-Pieces, the Garrison with their Arms, and the Men, Women, and Children with all the Cloaths they could carry.

The twenty third of *May* the *French* took Possession of the City, and so civil were they to the Inhabitants, that they executed a Soldier for attempting to take a Ring from a *Mulatto* Woman. What Riches they met with is variously reported, but I am apt to think it fell short of the Ten Millions which it was said they carried away.

I return now to Vice-Admiral *Nevil*, who having wooded and watered the Ships, he got under sail the twenty ninth of *June* to meet Rear-Admiral *Meeze*, by whom being joined the next Day, he sail'd for *Jamaica*, that so he might get the Ships from thence, and proceed directly for the *Havana* in Search of the Galleons, of which he had not yet any certain Account.

The eleventh of *July* he made the Isle of *Pines*, the thirteenth came up with *St. Anthony's*, the West End of *Cuba*, and the sixteenth he got about a Range of Rocks called the *Colleradoes*; but the Men were at this time very sickly, and next Day Rear-Admiral *Meeze* died.

Rear-Admiral Meeze dies.

The Vice-Admiral comes to the Havana, and is denied Water and Refreshments by the Spaniards.

The Squadron arriving at the *Havana* the twenty second of *July*, the Vice-Admiral acquainted the Governor that he was in great want of Water and Refreshments, and therefore desired leave to come into the Port, that so he might make Provision for his Voyage to *Cadiz*, to which Place he design'd (according to his Instructions) to see the Galleons in Safety. This he was not only refused, but almost every thing he request'd, the Don alledging, that the King his Master's Instructions would not justify his permitting the Squadron to come into that Port, but that if he would repair to *Mutafes*, (a Place where there was not Depth of Water for his Ships) he would endeavour to supply his wants; not but that he doubted

doubted his Capacity of doing it effectually, since the Galleons had already drained the Place of Provisions.

The Vice Admiral writ also to the General of the Galleons, letting him know that the Squadron he commanded was sent chiefly to secure those rich Imbarcations, and to conduct them safe to *Cadiz*; but he was pleased to answer, that he had received no Orders of that Nature from the King of *Spain*, and was therefore obliged to follow those he had, being sorry he could not have the Opportunity of accompanying him.

The Vice-Admiral acquaints the General of the Galleons that he had Orders to convoy them home. His Answer.

It cannot be thought but that this Treatment was very surprizing; nor, possibly, should I be much in the wrong in judging, that the natural Jealousy of the *Spaniards* gave them Apprehensions that our Ships would endeavour not only to make themselves Masters of the Place, but of the Galleons too. In fine, the Vice-Admiral finding that not any thing could be had there, he put the Ships into the best Condition that possibly he could, and sailed for *Virginia*, where he died the twenty seventh of *August*, occasion'd, as I am apt to believe, by Grief for the Misfortunes he had met with. By the Death of him, and the Rear-Admiral, the Command of the Squadron devolved on Captain *Thomas Dilkes*, who having done all that possibly he could towards refreshing the Men, and procuring Provisions, sailed from *Virginia*, and arrived in *England* the twenty fourth of *October* with part of the Squadron, the rest, which were separated in bad Weather, dropping in both before and after.

The Squadron sails for Virginia, and the Vice-Admiral dies.

Captain Dilkes proceeds home with the Ships.

CHAP. XXII.

An Account of Monsieur Ponty's coming with a French Squadron to Newfoundland while Sir John Norris was with a Squadron of English Ships there.

Monsieur *Ponty* having narrowly escaped the Squadron with Vice-Admiral *Nevil*, got not to *Brest* without running the hazard of being twice more intercepted, first at *Newfoundland* by Captain *Norris*, and afterwards in the *Soundings*, by a Squadron commanded by Captain *Thomas Harlow*, with which he engaged; for coming to *Newfoundland* (the first Country he touched at after he left the *West-Indies*) Captain *Norris*, who commanded a Squadron of Ships there, had Intelligence that several *French* Men of War were seen off of *Cape-Land* Bay; which was confirmed the next Day by some fishing People; and the firing of Guns was heard both by Day and Night. But it being believed by some that this was Monsieur *Nesmond's* Squadron, or part thereof, two Booms were laid cross the Harbour of *St. John's*, and the Squadron put into the best Order of Defence that might be, which was composed of four Fourth Rates, two Fifth, two Sixth, two Fireships, and two

Ponty's Ships thought to be Monsieur Nesmond's Squadron, we provide for the Safety of St. John's.

Bomb.

Bomb-Vessels, with a Hag Boat. Colonel *Gibson's* Regiment, which were carried by the Squadron from *England*, embarked on board the Ships, several Guns were mounted on the Batteries ashore, and five Ships were seen the twenty third, about four Leagues into the Sea, which in the Evening stood in for *Conception Bay*.

A Council of War agree to continue at St. John's. The French seen off Carboniere; but resolved still to continue at St. John's, tho' Captain Norris was of a contrary Opinion.

A Council of War was called next Day of the Sea and Land Officers, by whom it was agreed to continue in the Harbour of *St. John's*, and the *Mary Gally* being clean, she was sent out to discover the Enemy. About Noon Advice was received from *Carboniere* that five *French* Men of War were seen off of that Port, and another Consultation being thereupon held, the Majority were still for continuing at *St. John's*; but Captain *Norris* gave his Opinion for going in search of them, judging that if those five Ships in *Conception Bay* had any Communication with others at Sea, it would have been discovered from *Cape St. Francis*, or *Baccalao*, if within fifteen Leagues one of the other; and that if they had any Design to attack *St. John's* by Land, he must have had notice of their Forces being put on shore.

Mr. Cumberbatch gives an Account of the French Squadron.

Next Day he received a Letter from *Mr. Alexander Cumberbatch*, Master of a Ship taken by the *French*, and sent on shore to assist in getting them fresh Provisions, by which he was informed that *Monfieur Ponty* was in *Conception Bay*, with five Ships from 50 to 60 Guns, very richly loaden with the Spoil of *Carthagena*. This Notice he sent him in hopes it might be serviceable to his Country, and advised him, withal, to be very expeditious in attacking them, for that they were but weakly manned.

A Council of War suspects Cumberbatch, and again determine to remain at St. John's.

A general Council of War being hereupon held, it was voted that they had reason to believe *Monfieur Nesmond* was come to *Newfoundland* with a Squadron, and that *Cumberbatch* was sent on shore by him to ensnare them, because he said in his Letter he was to return to the *French* Ships; so that it was again determined to continue at *St. John's*, for that by attacking the Ships in *Conception Bay*, *Monfieur Nesmond* might thereby have had an Opportunity of making himself Master not only of *St. John's*, but consequently of the whole Country; yet the Commadore, Captain *Norris*, was still for going to Sea, for his former Reasons.

Intelligence of the French Squadron, by Officers sent on purpose.

The twenty sixth at Noon there was Intelligence that the afore-said five *French* Ships were seen the Night before at Anchor a little Eastward of *Belle Isle*, by *Portugal Cove*; and the next Day, upon a Message from Colonel *Gibson*, another Consultation was held, when this Intelligence was read; but it was again resolved to remain at *St. John's* until the two Captains arrived who were sent to make Discoveries. Soon after one of them came with twenty *French* Men, taken in a Boat at *Carboniere*, who said they were sent by *Monfieur Ponty* to procure fresh Provisions. The other Captain return'd also from *Portugal Cove*, who had seen the *French* Ships at Anchor, one of them of three Decks, two from 60 to 70 Guns, and two more of about 50. The Court adjourn'd until next Morning, when they called the Prisoners before them, who related all they knew, fearing that otherwise they should be very ill treat-

ed. They said the Squadron had not been at any other Port since they left the *West-Indies*, and that Monsieur *Ponty* hearing of Vice-Admiral *Nevil's* being in those Parts, appointed the Rendezvous at *St. Peter's*, or *Placentia*, in *Newfoundland*; but not making the Island about *Placentia* plain, by reason of thick Weather, the first Place he drop'd Anchor at was *Conception Bay*. While the Council of War was sitting Captain *Desborow* arrived, and gave them an Account that the *French Ships* lay under their Top-sails, plying up and down in the Bay, but that he being about five Miles off from them, could not well discover their Force. Notwithstanding all this, the Majority of the Council of War were still of Opinion that Monsieur *Nesmond* (who had sailed from *France* a considerable time before with eleven Ships of War and three Fireships) was on the Coast, and therefore, contrary to the Opinion of Captain *Norris*, determined not to attempt the *French*, for that, as they judged, the Port of *St. John's* might thereby be exposed to imminent Danger by separating the Ships and the Forces: And had not the Land-Officers been there, or at least not been empowered to sit at Councils of War, it is probable there might have been a better Account given of the Enemy; for several of them were unwilling to leave *St. John's*, a Place which was particularly recommended to them to protect.

Account of the Squadron by Prisoners taken.

Captain Desborow's Account.

A Council of War believe Monsieur Nesmond on the Coast, and therefore resolve not to stir.

Captain *Desborow* was again sent out to observe the Enemy's Motion, with Orders to bring early Advice thereof, who returning the thirty first at Noon, gave an Account that the twenty eighth at Midnight he saw four Sail under his Lee-Bow, which he made to be *French*; that soon after the sternmost Ship fired a Gun, and then making several false Fires, the Lights were instantly put out, so that he lost sight of them. That at Two in the Morning he stood Northward, with little Wind at N. N. E. and not seeing any Ships when the Day appeared, made the best of his way to *Carboniere*; but the Wind veering at Noon to S. S. W. the Current had set him by the twenty ninth at Night between *Harbour Grace* Island and that Bay.

Captain Desborow is again sent out, and brings Intelligence.

As soon as he had declared what he had thus discovered, he was sent out a third time, with Orders to sail right into the Sea until he came on the Bank of *Newfoundland*, and if he saw not the afore said Ships, or any other Squadron, to repair to Cape *Race*, and endeavour to gain Intelligence from *Placentia*. The ninth of August in the Morning he returned, and related, That about Twelve at Night, on the Saturday before, he saw several Lights to Windward; that at two a Clock four of the Ships he discovered fired three Guns each, and then tack'd and stood from the Shore, which induced him to make sail and keep his Wind, in order to get under Cape *Race*, but that as soon as it was light he stood within three times Gun-shot of the headmost, and then laid by and looked on the Enemy's Ships, which he judged to be sixteen, the Admiral of them with three Decks, four of about 80 Guns, six from 70 to 60, two of 50, and the other three either Frigates or Fireships. When he had thus view'd them well, he wore his Ship, and brought to towards the Shore, but they tacking at six a Clock, and standing off, and per-

ceiving that he followed them, one of them stood in towards the Shore to cut him off from the Cape.

A Squadron of sixteen Ships appear off St. John's with three Swallow-tail'd Flags.

The eighteenth in the Morning this Squadron came off the Harbour of *St. John's*, which was about thirty two Days after the first Notice of *Monfieur Ponty's* being at *Newfoundland*. They were in all sixteen, with three Swallow-tail'd Flags, ten of them from 50 to 70 Guns, the others either Fireships or small Frigates, as Captain *Desborow* had reported, and having viewed our Ships, they stood off again; but at Noon approaching the Harbour, the Wind took them short, so that they laid their Heads off and brought to; from which time they were not seen until the twenty third, nor came they after that near the Port.

The Method taken to defend our Ships and the Harbour.

The Method taken to defend the Ships and Harbour was this; All the Men of War lay in the Shape of a Half Moon to the Harbour's Mouth, and the Broadside of each commanded the two Booms. Colonel *Gibson's* Regiment was posted at the two Batteries, and other proper Places, while Captain *Richards* (who was the Engineer for fortifying the Harbour) threw up such Works as he judged necessary on this Occasion; and that the Squadron might be the better able to do Service, all the Men were taken from the Merchant Ships, and put on board them.

C H A P. XXIII.

An Account of an Engagement in the Soundings between a Squadron of English Ships, and that commanded by Monsieur Ponty.

HAVING already informed you in what manner *Monfieur Ponty*, with his rich Squadron, escaped Vice-Admiral *Nevil* in the *West-Indies*, and Captain *Norris* at *Newfoundland*, it remains that I follow him to *Brest*, for before he reached that Port he fell in with the Ships commanded by Captain *Harlow* in the *Soundings*, as hath been lately mentioned.

Captain Harlow meets with Monfieur Ponty in the Soundings.
1697.

The fourteenth of *August* the said Captain *Harlow* being with a Squadron of five Ships and a Fireship, *viz.* two of 80 Guns, two of 70, and one of 30, about ninety Leagues W. S. W. from *Scilly*, one of them the *Defiance*, made the Signal of seeing Lights to Windward, and as the Day came on five Sail were plainly discover'd. They bore down on him about Eight in the Morning, and he plying up to them, endeavour'd to get into a Line of Battel.

Monfieur Ponty having viewed our Squadron, thought it convenient to make some Alterations in his Line, but nevertheless he bore down with all the Sail he could, and brought to about Two in the Afternoon out of Gun-shot. He continued not long in that Posture, but edged nearer, and worked his Ships so as if he intended

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to press the Van of our Squadron, upon which Captain *Harlow* sent to the *Devonshire* to fill her Sails, and stand away upon a Wind, that so she might the better fall in with Monsieur *Ponty's* Ship, who about Three in the Afternoon brought to directly against her within two thirds Gun-shot, and began the Fight.

After the Squadrons had been engaged about two Hours, the *French* Commadore made the Signal for Tacking, but as there was little Wind, nor any of the Ships would stay, unless it was that which was opposite to the *Defiance*; and the Head of her Main-top-mast being disabled, which occasioned the Yard's falling down on the Slings, she wore not without great difficulty, when, keeping her Wind, she stood out of the Line, which put Monsieur *Ponty* himself in some Disorder; but although he was constrain'd to bear up for her, he soon closed the Line again. *They engage.*

About Six in the Evening the Gale freshened, and shifted from W. by S. to S. W. by S. and S. S. W. whereupon the Enemy tacking, our Commadore made the Signal for his Rear to do the same; and setting his Main sail, that he might be sure of staying, he was no sooner about than he spread all the Canvas he could after them, as they did from him. In the Night he lost sight of them, not but that he discovered some of their Lights between eight and nine a Clock, and by that means had an Opportunity of steering a ter them, they bearing then N. E. and N. E. by N. After Ten those Lights being no more seen, he stood away between the N. E. and E. with an easy Sail, that so some of the Ships which were very much a-stern might come up with him. *The French retire.*

Next Morning, between Four and Five, the Weather being very clear, the Enemy were seen between the S. E. by E. and E. S. E. at the distance of about three or four Leagues, and the Wind being then variable between the S. and S. W. but a gentle Gale, all Sails were set, and the Chase continued until it was Evening, when they were near the same distance as in the Morning; but so much did they wrong our Ships in sailing, that they could, at pleasure, lower a Yard or a Topmast, to prevent their coming by the Board; and this was occasioned by ours being fouler than theirs, even though they came from so remote Parts; for it is not to be doubted but they made a shift to heel and scrub them in the best manner they could when abroad. *The French wronged us very much in sailing.*

Early next Morning they had shot ahead about four or five Miles, and no sooner were our Ships discovered by them than they let out the Reefs of their great Sails, and set all their small ones; so that although when they first made from us, the Hulls of them could be seen down to the Water Line, yet in six Hours time they ran so much out of sight that not above half their Top sails could be discovered.

About eleven a Clock it blew fresh, and the Weather inclined to be thick and hazy, so that Captain *Harlow* seeing no Possibility of coming up with them, he brought to; and thus Monsieur *Ponty* had the good Fortune to escape the third time, who without farther Interruption, carried the Spoil of the *Spaniards* into *Brest*. What

*Observations
about Mon-
sieur Ponty
his engaging
our Squadron.*

it was that induced him to bear down and engage our Ships, is uncertain; for although the Strength of his Squadron, and ours, was almost equal, yet considering the Riches he had on board, I think he should in Prudence have declined a Battel, which doubtless he might have done, since (as it proved) his Ships had much the better Heels.

C H A P. XXIV.

Sir George Rooke, Admiral of the Fleet, his Proceedings to and fro in the Soundings; with those of Vice-Admiral Mitchell in the same Place.

1697.

LET us now return to the Body of the Fleet in the Year 1697, of which Sir *George Rooke* being appointed Admiral, he with the great Ships arrived off of the *South-Foreland* the second of *June*, and intended to stop Tides from thence to *Spithead*, and being the next Day at an Anchor off of *Dover*, a strong South-West Wind obliged him to return to the *Downs*.

*Sir George
Rooke ar-
rives with
the Fleet at
St. Helen's.*

Setting Sail again he arrived at *St. Helen's* the tenth in the Evening, where he met Rear-Admiral *Nassau*, with ten *Dutch* Ships of War, which were first to convoy several Merchants to *Holland*, and then to return and join the Fleet.

*A Council of
War resolve
to proceed to
Sea, with as
many Ships as
could be man-
ned and vic-
tualled.*

The fourteenth a Council of War was called, where were besides the Admiral himself present, Sir *Cloudefly Shovell*, Admiral of the Blue, Vice-Admiral *Aylmer*, and Vice-Admiral *Mitchell*, and it was agreed that since there was a great Want of Men and Provisions, and but little Prospect of a sudden Supply, so many Ships should be sent to Sea as could be manned up to their middle Complements, while those from which the Men were taken, secured themselves in *Portsmouth* Harbour; and the next Day, at another Consultation, where were also present the *Dutch* Admiral, Vice-Admiral *Callemberg*, Rear-Admiral *Meuys*, and Mr. *Bokenham*, first Captain to the Admiral, it was resolved to proceed off of *Ushant* for Intelligence, and then to govern themselves as a Council of War should think most advisable.

*A great want
of small Fri-
gates.*

There was a great Want of small Frigates, and other proper Vessels to prevent the Enemy's Snaws discovering the Weakness of our Squadron; for although the intended Fleet, when all together, would have made up forty seven *English*, and twenty three *Dutch* of the Line of Battel, besides seventeen Fireships, and other small Craft, yet were there at this time forty three of those seventy Ships absent on the following Services, *viz.*

	Rates				Ships absent; from the Fleet on other Ser- vices.
	1 st	2 ^d	3 ^d	4 th	
With Vice-Admiral <i>Mitchell</i> in the <i>Soundings</i> .	—	1	0	8	0
With Captain <i>Beaumont</i> in the <i>North Sea</i> .	—	0	0	4	0
With Rear-Admiral <i>Benbow</i> in the <i>Soundings</i> .	—	0	0	1	1
Off of Cape <i>de la Hague</i> ,	—	0	0	1	0
Convoy between the <i>Downs</i> and <i>Falmouth</i> .	—	0	0	1	0
At <i>Woolwich</i> .	—	0	0	0	1
At <i>Hudson's Bay</i> .	—	0	0	0	1
On the <i>Fishery</i> .	—	0	0	0	1
At <i>Hull</i> .	—	0	0	1	0
Between the <i>Isle of Wight</i> and <i>Portland</i> .	—	0	0	0	1
At the <i>Nore</i> .	—	0	0	1	0
Unmanned at <i>Blackstake</i> .	—	0	3	0	0
Unmanned at <i>Portsmouth</i> .	—	0	3	3	0
With Rear-Admiral <i>Nassau</i> on the Coast of <i>Holland</i> .	—	0	8	1	0
Expected from <i>North-Holland</i> .	—	0	1	1	0
In all, <i>Dutch</i> and <i>English</i>		1	15	22	5

So that had not Rear-Admiral *Nassau* joined with the ten *Dutch* Ships before mentioned, there could not have gone to Sea more than thirty five, great and small; nor was the Fleet at this time victualled with more than a Month's Bread and Beer, a very little more Butter and Cheese, somewhat above two Month's Fleish, but not a Fortnight's Pease and Oatmeal. However, Orders were sent for the Ships which were ready to proceed to Sea, they being but thirty three, *Dutch* and *English*, and eight Fireships, besides the Ships in the *Soundings* with Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* and Rear-Admiral *Benbow*, which join'd the Fleet the twenty fifth of *June* off of *Plimouth*; so that now the Admiral had forty four Ships of the Line, and with them he got off of *Ushant* the twenty eighth, but for want of Wind he was prevented in laying hold of that Coast until the fourth of the next Month, at which time Rear-Admiral *Benbow*, who had been sent to discover the Posture of the Enemy at *Brest*, brought an Account that there were in that Port but ten Ships armed and ready for the Sea.

A Council of War being thereupon called, it was resolv'd to enlarge the former Station from ten to forty or fifty Leagues *W. N. W.* from *Ushant*, thereby to cover the Chanel, and secure the Trade; that nine *English*, and four *Dutch* Ships of War should cruise from eighty to a hundred Leagues West from *Scilly* fourteen or sixteen Days, and that after the Fleet had continued in the aforesaid Station near a Fortnight, the whole should rendezvous in *Torbay*. Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* commanded this Squadron, and it was made thus strong, lest he should happen to meet with Monsieur *Nesmond* in his Cruize, or Monsieur *Chateau Renault* in his Return to *Brest*, in case he was then at Sea.

The twenty first of *July* the Fleet was ten Leagues off of the *Lizard*, having not met with any thing in their Cruize but Privateers, and there

Rear-Admiral *Nassau* joined the Fleet.

Vice-Admiral *Mitchell*, and Rear-Admiral *Benbow* also come into the *Soundings*.

But ten Ships at *Brest* ready for the Sea. The Station resolv'd on at a Council of War.

Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* detached with a Squadron.

The Fleet returns to Torbay.

there the Admiral received Orders to leave a sufficient Squadron off of *Brest* to keep in the *French* Ships designed from thence with Monsieur *Chateau Renault*, if not already sailed, or to intercept them should they attempt to come out; but this could not be complied with, because he had not together above eleven *English* Men of War, of which ten were Three-Deck Ships, and but ten *Dutch*, Flag-ships included; nor had they more than twenty one Days Provisions at short Allowance, and not any Pease or Oatmeal; so that the Admiral was obliged to return to *Torbay*, where, on the twenty third of *July*, he received a second Order to send Ships off of *Brest*, and others into the Bay; to comply with which he ordered eleven Third Rates and two Fireships to be victualled for a Month, but was constrained to draw the same from the great Ships; inso-much that had there been never so pressing an Occasion for Service, it would have inevitably have been prevented for Want of a timely Supply of Provisions.

Vice-Admiral Mitchell returns to Torbay.

Two Days after Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* was seen working into the Bay, having sent from his Squadron two Third Rates and a Fifth to convoy the Trade to *Ireland*, and the *Dorsetshire* and *Content* to see some others safe to *Plimouth*: And he being informed that a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships were expected in the Chancel, sent four Third Rates, one Fifth, and a Fireship, under Command of Captain *Harlow* to cruise for their Security; who, during his Cruise, met with Monsieur *Ponty* in his Passage to *Brest*, of the Engagement between whom I have already given an Account, chusing so to do that the whole Proceeding of that *French* Squadron, in their Expedition to and from *Carthagena*, might be related without interfering with other Matters.

The Admiral found that by drawing Provisions, as aforesaid, from the great Ships for those designed off of *Brest*, it would so much reduce them, as that, without a speedy Supply, they might be brought to great Necessity, wherefore he contradicted the Orders he had given therein, and proposed to the Lords of the Admiralty, that the Ships might repair to, and victual at *Spithead*.

The Fleet comes to Spithead.

Nevertheless a Squadron was sent out, which cruised for some time in the *Soundings*, but were by bad Weather forced in; and, pursuant to Orders sent to the Admiral, he arrived at *Spithead* the twenty eighth of *August*, with five First Rates, four Seconds, two Thirds, two Fireships, two Hospital Ships, and two Yachts, together with twelve *Dutch* Ships of War, and as many Fireships.

Vice-Admiral Mitchell ordered with a Squadron as far as Cape St. Vincent to look out for Vice-Admiral Nevil.

1697.

Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* was again appointed to command a Squadron of eight Third Rates, six Fourths, and three Fifths, together with Count *Nassau*, who had under his Command six *Dutch* Ships of War and two Fireships, and received Orders in *Torbay* the ninth of *September* (the very Day he arrived there) to proceed with the said Squadron to *Cape St. Vincent*, on the Coast of *Portugal*, there being Advice that the *French* were gone or going to Sea. The Design of his being ordered thus far was to sustain Vice Admiral *Nevil*, in case the Galleons should have come under his Protection, (for as yet there was not any Account received of his Squadron)

as well as the Trade from *Cadiz*, and therefore he was directed, when he arrived off of that Cape, to send a Frigate to the said Port, with Orders to the Commander in Chief of the Ships there to put to Sea within three Days after his Receipt thereof, and join him; and when he should be so joined he was to make the best of his Way to *England*; but if he met with the *Cadiz* Fleet in his Passage, he was to return home with them, which he was to do without them, if he received Advice by the detached Frigate that they were sailed from *Cadiz*, and that he judged they were passed by him. But if, during his Stay off *Cape St. Vincent*, he met with Vice-Admiral *Nevil*, in his Passage from the *West-Indies* with the Gallcons, he was to accompany them as far as *Cadiz*. A farther Provision was yet made, that if he met with the Gallcons, while the *Cadiz* Squadron was in Company with him, he should so dispose of the Ships under his Command as might most contribute to the Security of both; but he was himself to return to *England* with the Trade.

These Orders the Vice-Admiral communicated to Rear-Admiral *Nassau*, who having not any at that time from the King, and being not victualled longer than to the last of the following Month, he could not proceed; nor had the *English* Ships more than for two Months, if all Species proved good; and indeed the Scarcity of Provisions did too often, throughout the whole Courte of the War, obstruct many Services. But as I shall not take upon me to blame any particular Person, or Body of Men on this Account, yet sure I am, that unless effectual Care be hereafter taken, in time of Action, to have a sufficient Stock in a constant Readiness to answer all unforeseen Services, *England* will too soon find the great Inconveniences that will attend it.

The Squadron in great Want of Provisions especially the Dutch.

This Scarcity of Provisions being represented to the Lords of the Admiralty, their Lordships sent him Orders to proceed with the *English* and *Dutch* Ships, so far towards *Cape St. Vincent*, in order to meet the Trade from *Cadiz*, as that he might have left sufficient to bring him back again; upon which it was agreed by himself and the *Dutch* Flag-Officer, (who had now supplied his Ships with some Provisions) to sail one hundred Leagues S. W. from *Scilly*, provided he could reach that Station by the first of *October*, for no longer would the Victuals on board the *Dutch* permit them to stay abroad: But if Westerly Winds prevented their doing the same by or before that time, it was thought most adviseable to proceed fifty Leagues S. W. from *Scilly*, there to continue until the eighth of *October*, otherwise to repair twenty eight Leagues W. S. W. from thence, and after lying in that Station until the fifteenth of *October*, to come to *Spithead*.

The Vice Admiral is ordered to proceed so far towards Cape St. Vincent as to have Provisions to bring him back again. His own and the Dutch Flag's Resolution thereupon.

The seventeenth the Vice-Admiral received Advice from the Captain of the *Shrewsbury* Gally, that Mr. *Nevil* had been at, and was returned from the *Havana*, without the Gallcons, or being permitted by the *Spanish* Governor so much as to water his Ships there; but having already given a particular Account of that whole Matter, I proceed to inform you, that notwithstanding the aforesaid

He receives Advice of Vice Admiral Nevil.

Orders

He is ordered to stay at Sea but twenty Days.

Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to Vice-Admiral *Mitchell*, others were sent to him the eighteenth Day of the same Month of *August*, to remain no longer at Sea than twenty Days, in Expectation of the *Cadiz* Fleet, whereupon it was agreed between him and the *Dutch* Flag that the Squadron should proceed forty Leagues W. by S. from *Scilly*, and cruise there till the eighth of *October*.

Is obliged to come to *Torbay*, but ordered to Sea again.

The twenty fourth of *September* he sailed from *Torbay* with fair Weather, and the Wind at N. W. by N. but being off of the Start about ten at Night, it shifted to the S. and S. S. W. and blew very hard, with much Rain. He was at this time near the Shore, and consequently met with great Difficulty in getting into *Torbay*, most of the Ships having received considerable Damage in their Sails. The next Day after his coming to an Anchor he received Orders to remain there, but the ninth of *October* other Directions were sent him, by an Express, to proceed to Sea, either with or without the States-Generals Ships, for protecting the *Cadiz* Fleet, and to continue out as long as his Provisions would last, which it would not do above twenty eight Days, at two thirds of the usual Allowance; and these last Orders were sent him upon Intelligence that Monsieur *Chateau Renault* was at Sea with a Squadron, and that divers Privateers were lurking up and down the Chanel to pick up our Trade.

Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* proceeds into the Soundings.

The tenth of *October* the Squadron got under Sail, and the fifteenth at Night, about twenty five Leagues N. E. by E. from *Scilly*, the Vice-Admiral parted with the Ship *Captain*, a *Dutch East-India* Ship called the *Nassau*, and some small Vessels bound Southward. He continued cruising from twenty five to forty Leagues S. W. by W. from *Scilly* until the twenty third, but had not the good Fortune to meet with the *Cadiz* Fleet; so that then his Provisions growing short, he thought it necessary to repair to *St. Helen's*, where he anchored the twenty seventh at Night, and there luckily met him at Sea, and came in Company with him thither, fifteen *Dutch East-India* Ships, which had spent almost all their Provisions, and lost most of their Anchors and Cables off of the Cape of *Good Hope*.

The Czar of *Muscovy* comes to England.

Soon after this the Vice-Admiral attended the Czar of *Muscovy* from *Holland* with a Squadron, and, by his Majesty's particular Command, he not only accompanied that Prince during the time he continued in this Kingdom, but afterwards carried him back to *Holland*.

CHAP. XXV.

Rear-Admiral Benbow's Proceedings in the Soundings, and before Dunkirk, being the last Expedition of the War; with Observations on the whole, and a Comparison of the Losses England and France sustained in their Naval Force during this War.

Rear-Admiral *Benbow* sailing from *Spithead* the tenth of *April* with seven Third Rates and two Fireships, he cruised twenty seven Days between the Latitudes of 50^{d} and 48^{d} , 30^{m} , from ten to eighty Leagues from *Scilly*, but met not with any thing of Note until the third of *May*, when he gave chase to five *French* Men of War, but found himself not able to come up with them. Next Day he was joined by three Third Rates, one Fourth, and one Fifth, but not any thing remarkable happened until the ninth, and then he saw nine Ships Westward of him, one whereof separated from the others, to which he gave chase, the rest made *English* Signals, and some of them proved to be our Men of War bound with the Trade to the *West-Indies*, which, under the Command of Captain *Symonds* had been engaged with four of the *French* King's Ships in the manner following. He being on the fifth of *May* 1697, with the *Norwich*, *Chatham*, *Sheerness*, *Seaford*, and a Fireship, in the Latitude of 49^{d} and 13^{m} about forty eight Leagues from *Scilly*, met with the said *French* Ships about four in the Morning, with *English* Colours, the biggest of them mounting between 60 and 70 Guns, another of 50, the third 36, and the fourth about 24. They bore right down upon him, whereupon he fired a Gun for the *Seaford*, the Fireship, and his Convoys which were to Windward, to join him, and at seven the *French* Ships taking in their *English* Colours began to fire, the Fireship by reason of her ill sailing, was soon taken by the two smaller Frigates and their Boats, while the two bigger took the *Seaford*, after they had first shot down her Main-Yard, and then her Main-mast; but finding she was not able to swim, they burnt her. The Fight continued very finartly for two Hours, and then the *French* gave over, but followed our Ships until the eighth, though not within Gun-shot. That Morning they bore down again, and engaged about three Hours, when leaving off they chased the Merchant Ships, which at the Beginning of the Engagement were taking the usual Care for their own Security, and in this Action our Frigates were so much disabled that they were forced to bear up for *Plimouth* to refit.

An Engagement between a Squadron commanded by Captain Symonds and the French.

The Rear-Admiral endeavoured to intercept the Ships of the Enemy, but having not above twelve Days Provisions at short Allowance, was constrained to repair to *Portsmouth* for a Supply, not being able to reach *Plimouth*, by reason he chased a Number of Ships to the Eastward of that Port, which proved to be *Swedes*

The Rear-Admiral comes in for Want of Provision.

from *Lisbon*. After he had furnished himself with Provisions, he received Orders from Vice-Admiral *Mitchell*, the twenty first of *May*, to proceed again into the *Soundings*, with four Third Rates and two Fireships, which were victualled for no longer than a Month at short Allowance, and from *Plimouth* he was to take the *Anglesey* and *Plimouth*, if ready, with three *East-India* Ships, which he was to see well into the Sea. The twenty fourth he sailed from *St. Helen's*, and the twenty sixth in the Morning arrived off of *Plimouth*, where he left Orders for the two Ships beforementioned to follow, taking the *Medway* with him. His cruising Station was from ten to one hundred Leagues West from *Scilly*, and the general Rendezvous forty Leagues W. S. W. from thence, so that he lay until the fifth of *June* between the Latitudes of 50^d. and 49^d, about thirty Leagues West of those Islands; but being then driven far in, he sent the *Kent* to *Plimouth*, with the Fireship in her Company, the former having sprung her Fore-mast, and was so leaky that one Pump could hardly free her. However the Weather being more moderate, he proceeded with the three Third Rates one hundred and twenty Leagues Westward of *Scilly*, and then seeing no Ships of the Enemy, parted with those bound to *India* on the eighth of *June*, in the Latitude of fifty, the Wind at N. W. and believing (since three Days before the Wind had been Southerly) that the *Virginia* Fleet were gone for *Cape Clear*, or some Part of the Coast of *Ireland*, he stood over thither, but hearing soon after they were not arrived, stretched out to Sea again, and met with a Ship which had parted from them in the Latitude of 49^d 30^m the tenth of this Month, about two hundred and fifty Leagues from the Land.

Rear-Admiral Benbow returns into the Soundings.

Rear-Admiral Benbow brings in the *Virginia* and *West-India* Fleets.

This Intelligence, and the Shortness of his Provisions induced him to repair towards *Plimouth*, in his Way to which Port he had the good Fortune to join the *Virginia* and *West-India* Fleets, with their particular Convoys off of the *Lizard*; and meeting soon after with Vice-Admiral *Mitchell* near the *Start*, he was by him directed to repair to *Plimouth* in Company of the Merchant Ships, where he received Orders from Sir *George Rooke* to join the Fleet then passing Westward, and to take Care for sending Eastward a Convoy with the Trade; but these Orders were contradicted by others from the Lords of the Admiralty, dated the tenth of *July*, and he, in Obedience to them, proceeded to the Squadron before *Dunkirk*, which Captain *Beaumont* had commanded a considerable time before, consisting of six Third Rates, besides the *Newark*, two Fourths, one Fifth, and two Fireships; but three of those Third Rates were called off to the *Downs* by the Lords of the Admiralty.

Rear-Admiral Benbow arrives off of *Dunkirk*.

No sooner had he joined the Squadron than he went in his Boat before the Pier-Heads of *Dunkirk*, but found not any Ships in the Road, fifteen or sixteen tall ones he saw within, one of them with a Flag at the Fore-top-mast-head; and Captain *Beaumont* delivered to him, for his government, two Orders which he had received from the Lords of the Admiralty, one to pursue Monsieur *Du Bart*, and to destroy his Ships, if possible, at any Place whatever, except under Command of the Forts in *Norway* or *Sweden*, and the other

to obey the King's Commands, which the Lords of the Admiralty directed him to do, in Obedience to the Orders they received from his Majesty to that Purpose.

The thirtieth of *July* Rear-Admiral *Vandergoes* joined him with eleven *Dutch* Ships, and then it was propos'd that one of the Squadrons should be so placed as that *Dunkirk* might be South of them, and the other in, or near *Ostend* Road, that if Monsieur *Du Bart* should attempt to pass out either at the North or East Chanel, they might the better discover him; but no other Answer was made thereunto by the *Dutch* Flag, than that his Ships being foul, they were not in a Condition to pursue him.

Some Dutch Ships join ours off of Dunkirk.

The *French* Ships at *Dunkirk* were eleven, from 52 to 26 Guns, and about the beginning of *August* they were all, except Monsieur *Du Bart's* own Ship, hauled into the Basin to clean, so that it was judg'd they had a Design to come out the next Spring-Tide; but since our Ships, as well as the *Dutch*, were all foul, not any great Success could be expected from their chasing; and it was almost next to an Impossibility to block up clean Ships at *Dunkirk* with foul ones. Wherefore the Rear-Admiral propos'd that four of the best Sailers might be order'd to *Sheerness* to clean, and that the others might come to the *Downs*, not only to take in Water, which they very much wanted, but to heel and scrub, which he judg'd might have been done before the approaching Spring would give Opportunity to the *French* of getting over the Bar: But at this very time it was not thought adviseable, although he afterwards received Orders for it; so that at present he only sent the Ships to the *Downs* for Water, as they could best be spared.

The Force of the French Ships at Dunkirk.

The seventeenth of *August* the Rear-Admiral observ'd five clean Ships ready to sail out of *Dunkirk*, and believing they would push through the East Chanel, he shifting his Station, lay between *Ostend* and *Newport*, giving notice thereof to the *Dutch*; but there was not any thing remarkable happened until the twenty third, when, at Five in the Morning, he discover'd five Sail Eastward of him, *Newport* then bearing South, distant about four Leagues; upon which he immediately made the Signal for chasing, the Wind being at S. W. and the *French* steering away N. E. but finding they wrong'd him very much, he brought to at Four in the Afternoon. The smaller Ships, indeed, namely, the *Dragon*, *Falmouth*, *Romney*, and *Adventure*, continued the Chase until Six, and took a *Dunkirk* Privateer of ten Guns and sixty Men, which had been cruising in the North Seas two Months.

Some of the French Ships get out of Dunkirk.

After this the Rear-Admiral endeavour'd to regain his Station, but the twenty fifth at Night he was oblig'd to anchor about five Leagues West from the *Galloper*, the Wind blowing hard at S. W. There he continued until Eight the next Morning, when he saw eight Sail, at the distance of about five Leagues, standing Eastward, and two more Southward, the latter whereof prov'd to be the *Romney*, and a Flyboat she had taken; the others he pursued, but could get no Account of them.

A short Observation upon the whole.

Thus ended this long and chargeable War, for little or nothing remarkable happen'd afterwards, Peace being proclaim'd the eighteenth Day of *October*; and the whole may be briefly summ'd up thus. That although the *French* at the beginning of the War got more early to Sea, and with greater Strength than we did, (I mean than we had in a Body) particularly in the Actions at *Bantry* and *Beachy*, when the Fleet was under the Command of the Earl of *Torrington*; yet when our Affairs came to be better settled, and that both we and the *Dutch* took the necessary and timely care to be early and strong at Sea, the Enemy did not, more than once afterwards during the whole War, dare to look us in the Face; and even that once was when the Court of *France* thought themselves secure of destroying two Squadrons of our Ships on their own Coast, commanded by Sir *Ralph Delavall* and Rear-Admiral *Carter*, before the bigger Ships could possibly join them. It was that which occasion'd positive Orders to Monsieur *Tourville* their Admiral, and it was these Orders which obliged him to engage, although he found our whole Force to be join'd. But from that very time they ever avoided meeting with us, as they did also the Year before the said Engagement, although they then had all the Strength in a Body which they could possibly equip. Finding therefore that they could not, with hopes of Success, attempt any thing on our Fleet, they suffered themselves to be insulted, their Towns to be bombarded, and the *Spaniard* to be relieved by our Forces in the *Mediterranean*, contenting themselves (as possibly they may do on other like occasions) with putting the Crown of *England*, and the States-General of the United Provinces, to a very great Expence in setting forth large Fleets, while they, with their cruising Frigates, and numerous Privateers, made their utmost Efforts towards seizing of our Trade, which being not only almost as great as in time of Peace, but very rich also, was a sufficient Invitation to them to equip great Numbers of private Ships for such an Enterprize; whereas their little Commerce, especially in these Parts of the World, was hardly worth while to look after. In this, though they were but too successful, yet I may venture to say, that had the Masters who were intrusted by the Merchants been more careful in sailing with the Convoys provided for them, or, when under the Protection of such Convoys, more diligent in keeping Company with them, (many Instances of whose Neglect herein I am able to give) the Enemy would, in a very great measure, have mis'd of their Aim even in this Particular.

As for the Losses which *England* and *France* sustain'd during this War in the Ships of their Royal Navies, it will have a much better Face on our side than that of the Trade; for having collected the same with as much Exactness as possibly I could, the Reader may find in the following Account both one and the other compared, by which it will appear, that the Enemy (considering the Magnitude of their Ships) were much the greater Sufferers.

An Account of the English Ships taken by the French, during the War, and what were burnt, or taken of theirs, viz.

English.

N ^o . of Ships.	Guns each.	Total of Guns.
1	of 70	— 70
1	of 54	— 54
2	of 48	— 96
1	of 46	— 46
3	of 42	— 126
3	of 36	— 108
6	of 32	— 192
2	of 30	— 60
4	of 24	— 96
2	of 18	— 36
2	of 16	— 32
2	of 12	— 24
11	of 10	— 110
5	of 8	— 40
1	of 6	— 6
4	of 4	— 16
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Total	50.	Total 1112.

French.

2	of 104	— 208
1	of 90	— 90
2	of 80	— 160
3	of 76	— 228
1	of 74	— 74
1	of 70	— 70
1	of 68	— 68
2	of 60	— 120
4	of 56	— 224
1	of 50	— 50
1	of 48	— 48
1	of 42	— 42
1	of 40	— 40
5	of 32	— 160
5	of 30	— 150
5	of 28	— 140
1	of 26	— 26
3	of 24	— 72
3	of 20	— 60

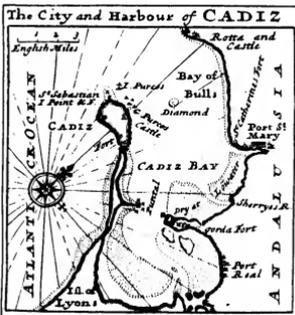
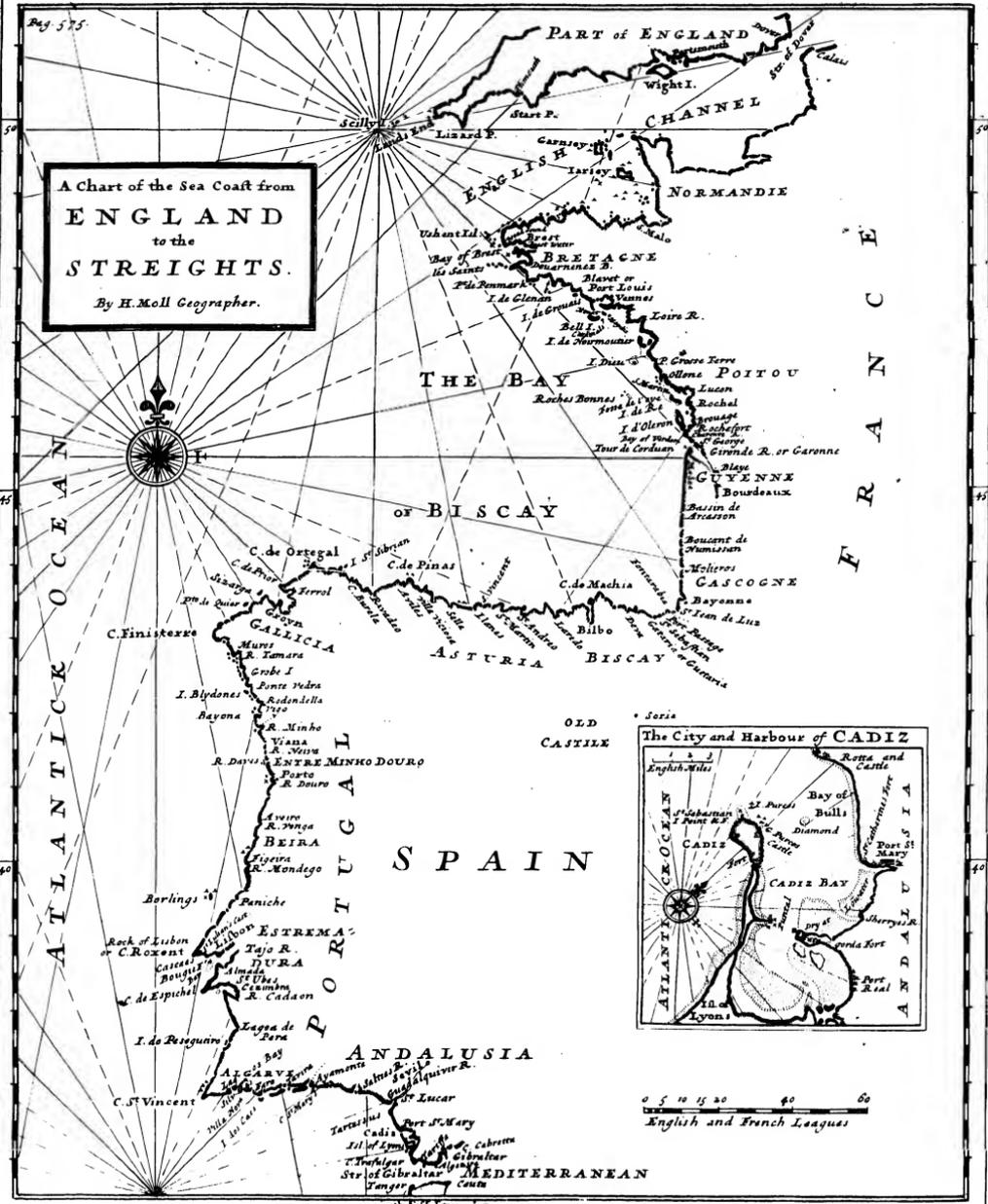
N ^o . of Ships.	Guns each.	Total of Guns.
6	of 18	— 108
1	of 16	— 16
2	of 12	— 24
6	of 10	— 60
1	of 6	— 6
Total 59.		Total 2244.

The Number of Guns on board the *French* Ships which were either taken or burnt, more than in the *English*, were 1132, and most of them much superior in their Nature.



A Chart of the Sea Coast from ENGLAND to the STREIGHTS.

By H. Moll Geographer.



0 5 10 20 30 40 50
English and French Leagues



A COMPLETE

HISTORY

Of the most Remarkable

TRANSACTIONS at SEA.

BOOK V.

Containing an Account of the Naval Transactions of the *English*, from the Year 1698, to the Year 1712.

CHAPTER I.

Containing Rear-Admiral Benbow's Proceedings to, in, and from the West-Indies.



THE Peace concluded at *Ryswick* was no sooner ratify'd, than Notice was given thereof as well abroad as to our Shipping at home, that so all farther Acts of Hostility might timely cease; and since it was not then necessary to put the Nation to the Expence of maintaining at Sea so great a Part of the Navy as had been employed in time of Action, many Ships were brought into the Harbours, especially those of largest Dimensions, that so their Hulls, very much worn by continual Service, might be searched into, and thoroughly repaired; and by the particular Care of that excellent Minister, the Earl of *Godolphin*, the then Lord High Treasurer,

The Naval
Expence re-
trenched upon
the Peace.

urer, to furnish Money for paying off the Scamen, our Naval Expence was gradually reduced to what was not more than absolutely necessary for the Honour of the Nation, and for answering those Services which required Shipping; one whereof, and that judged to be of as great Consequence as any, was the sending a Squadron to protect our Trade in the *West-Indies* from any Attempts which might be made thereon by Pirates, or otherwise; and of the Proceedings of that Squadron I will in the first Place give some Account.

1698.
Rear-Admiral
Benbow sent to the
West-Indies.

His Instructions.

In the Month of *November* Mr. *Benbow*, Rear-Admiral of the *Bluc*, was ordered to those Parts with the *Glocester*, *Falmouth*, and *Dunkirk*, all of them Ships of the Fourth Rate, to which there was added a small *French* Prize called the *Germoon*. He was directed first to call at the *Leeward* Islands, and there to dispose of Colonel *Collingwood's* Regiment as the Council at *Nevis* should judge most proper, for by the Death of General *Codrington* the sole Management of the Affairs of those Islands devolved on them.

This being done, he was to bend his Course directly to *Jamaica*, and having remained there as long as it should be judged necessary for the publick Service, he was to visit *Barbadoes* and the *Caribbee* Islands, and so to employ the Ships under his Command, from time to time, as might be most proper for the Defence of the Plantations and Trade, as aforesaid.

To endeavour
to seize on
Kidd the Pi-
rate.

And since the Government was informed that one *Kidd*, who sailed from *England* a considerable time before, on a private Account, in a Ship called the *Adventure Gally*, with a Commission under the Great Seal, and Power to seize on Pirates, and their Effects, had so far broke his Instructions, and indeed the real and only Design of his Voyage, as to commit several notorious Piracies himself, the Rear-Admiral was particularly charged to make diligent Enquiry after him, and to seize on, and secure his Person, together with his Men, Ship, and Effects, that so they might be brought to deserved Punishment.

He arrives at
Maderas.

Pursuant to these Instructions he sailed from *Portsmouth* the twenty ninth of *November*, and was the eighteenth of the next Month in the Latitude of 36 Degrees North, and 12 Degrees West from the *Lizard*, in his way to the *Maderas*, where in few Days after he put in for Wine, and such other Refreshments as are absolutely necessary for the Preservation of Men on such Voyages.

1698.
Comes to Bar-
badoes and
the Leeward
Islands.
Santa Martha.

He reached *Barbadoes* the twenty seventh of *February*, and having supplied the Ships with what was wanting, proceeded towards *Nevis*, one of the *Leeward* Islands, whence (having dispatched what Business he had there) he steered his Course for *Terra Firma*, and in a short time made the high Land of *Santa Martha*, at the Distance of about twenty Leagues, which lies in the Latitude of 12 Degrees, and as the upper Parts thereof are constantly cover'd with Snow, so is it (he says) esteemed as high, if not higher Land than hath been elsewhere seen. He stood not so near the Shore as to discover whether there was any commodious anchoring, but continued his Course for *Cartagena*, where he found the Bay to be large,

Arrives at
Cartagena.

with

with good Ground, and very gradual Soundings; for as there was five Fathom Water within a Mile of the Shore, so had he not more than eight at six times that Distance.

Before he dropped Anchor, he sent a Letter to the Governor, and was informed by the Messenger, that the *Spaniards* had often consulted, both there, and at *Porto Bello*, how they might most effectually raise Men to dislodge the *Scotch*, who were then endeavouring to settle themselves at *Darien*, but that they had not formed any Resolutions, being cautious of exposing themselves to a War with *Scotland*, at a time when they had an entire Friendship with *England*. But notwithstanding these specious Pretences, they had actually seized on two or three of our Merchant Ships, which they designed to equip in warlike manner, and to employ against the *Scotch*, in Conjunction with their *Armada* (as they termed them) at *Porto Bello*, which were no more than three Ships, and they in no better a Condition than commonly those of the *Spanish* Nation have been known to be, especially in these latter Times.

Spaniards endeavouring to dislodge the Scotch at Darien.

The Rear-Admiral arrived soon after before *Bocca Chica*, at the Entrance of the Harbour of *Cartagena*, which he judged to be much the better Road, and was defended by a Castle, whereon were mounted about 16 Guns. There he endeavoured to furnish the Ships with Water, but meeting with Opposition from the Governor, he judged it incumbent on him to resent such uncivil Treatment, and let him know that he would enter the Harbour, and force from thence the *English* Ships, if he did not immediately send them out to him. The Governor made frivolous Delays, but yet promised that if he would get up his Anchors, and come before the Town, the Ships should be sent out that very Moment; for (as he alleged) the Inhabitants were jealous and uneasy at his blocking up the Harbour.

The Rear-Admiral refused to water at Cartagena.

In Expectation that this would be complied with, the Rear-Admiral did as the Governor had desired, but finding the Ships were nevertheless detained, he taxed him with the Breach of his Word, and gave him to understand that he would assuredly endeavour to force them out of the Harbour, if they were not immediately dispatched to him, at which the Governor being somewhat startled, and not caring to abide the Extremity, suffered the Ships to be set at liberty.

The little Quantity of Water which the *Spaniards* would permit our Ships to take in at this Place, subjected the Men to the Belly-ache, to prevent the ill Consequences whereof the Rear-Admiral stood away for *Jamaica*, and in his Passage met with an unknown Shoal, about fourteen Leagues Eastward of the *Serrana*, which extends itself N. E. and S. W. about nine Miles.

An unknown Shoal Eastward of the Serrana.

The Southermost part of this Shoal he represents to be a Hill of Sand about the length of two Cables, supposed to have been thrown up by the Sea, and that there were on it many Timbers of a Ship seen above Water: a Mile to the Southward whereof he discovered a Reef of Rocks, to the N. E. of which all the Ground was foul; nor was there any thing to be seen but a Rock which appeared like

Other Shoals.

the bottom of a Long-boat, not far from which he espied another Wreck, and within two Miles of the aforesaid Shoal, there was not any Ground to be found with seventy Fathom of Line. This he observed to be distant about fifteen Leagues from a known Shoal called *Point Pedro*, and that it bore from it S. by W.

He comes to
Jamaica.

When he arrived at *Jamaica*, the Governor and most of the trading People requested him to sail to *Porto Bello*, there to demand from the *Spaniards* their Ships, Goods, and Men, which they had wrongfully taken, and that chiefly at the Instance of the Admiral of the *Barlovento* Fleet, Ships which are employed in carrying Money from the *Havana* to pay the Garrisons to Windward, and for the Defence of those Parts.

Proceeds to
Porto Bello.

Sails give
way.

To comply with this reasonable Request he sailed with the *Glocester*, *Falmouth*, *Lynn*, and *Saudadoes-Prize*, and arrived at *Porto Bello* the twenty second of *March*, having been much hindered in his Passage by the Badness of the Sails, which frequently gave way; a Misfortune of the last ill Consequence, and which hath, on other Occasions, too often happened, to the very great Prejudice of the Service.

Finding there the Admiral of the *Barlovento* Fleet, he acquainted him with the reason of his coming, but was answered roughly, that what he had done arose from the Attempt the *Scotch* had made at *Darien*, whose Interest and that of *England* he esteemed to be the same.

Several Messages passed between them, but at length he was assured that if he would retire from before the Port, the Ships, Men, and Goods should be sent out to him; but the Dispute continuing until the twentieth of *April*, and the Rear-Admiral then finding his own Ship very leaky, he sailed with her and the *Germoon-Prize*, leaving the others before the Place to see his Demands complied with.

Description of
the Harbour of
Porto Bello.

He represents the Harbour here to be very commodious, and that it was fortified with three Castles; one at the Entrance (which is about half a Mile wide) of 18 Guns, another over the Town, near Gun-shot from the first, whereon was twenty Cannon, and the third a small old Fort, on which were mounted 12, and in the Harbour was the *Spanish* Admiral beforementioned, with four Ships from 56 to 36 Guns.

1699.

The Rear-Admiral returning to *Jamaica* the fifteenth of *May*, sailed thence soon after in the *Saudadoes-Prize*, which Ship, in Company of the *Falmouth*, and *Lynn*, arrived the Night before from *Porto Bello*, without having been able to effect any thing there, notwithstanding the solemn Promises the *Spaniards* had made. The reason of his going to Sea with the aforesaid Prize only, was the Intelligence he had received that *Kidd* the Pirate was hovering about the Coast; but when he had for some time unsuccessfully sought him, he returned to *Jamaica*, and had there Advice that he was near *St. Domingo*.

Seeks Kidd
without suc-
cess.

The former Experience he had of the Badness of the Sails, made him doubt they would not well endure the strong Gales which frequently

quently happen at such a Season of the Year, and therefore he hired a Sloop, and with her, and the *Germoon-Prize*, endeavoured (tho' to no purpose) to gain a more certain Account of *Kidd*; but before he left *Jamaica* he gave Orders to the Captains of the other Ships to cruise between the Isle of *Ash*, on the Coast of *Hispaniola*, and the East End of *Jamaica*, the better to preserve the Health of the Men, who are not so much subject to Sickness at Sea, as when they are committing Irregularities on shore.

A second time.

When, after his returning to *Jamaica*, the sick Men were recovered, he sailed with the *Glocester* and *Maidstone*, and being near the East End of *Hispaniola*, was informed of the Loss of a Sloop near Cape *Alta Vela*, on the said Island, which was the Vessel wherein Captain *Lloyd* of the *Falmouth* was sent in quest of *Kidd*, and with her both himself and all the Men unhappily perished.

Capt. Lloyd of the Falmouth drowned The Rear-Admiral sails to the Isle of St. Thomas.

At the Request of the President of the Council of *Nevis* he sailed to the Island *St. Thomas*, inhabited chiefly, if not altogether, by Subjects of *Denmark*, and demanded by what Authority they bore the Flag of that Nation on *Crabb* Island, since it appertained to the King of *England* his Master. He also let the Governor know, that it was not agreeable to the Law of Nations to trade with Pirates, (it being evident that he had suffered great part of *Kidd's* Effects to be landed at that Port) and demanded of him all Subjects of *England* who were Non-resident there. The Governor seemed surprized at his making any Objections to the Flag, and insisted that the Island whereon it flew was actually the King of *Denmark's*. The Port he said was free, and since the *Brandenburgh* Factors had received part of *Kidd's* Effects, he could by no means molest, but, on the contrary, was obliged to protect them. He averred that there were not any of the Subjects of *England* on the Island, Captain *Sharp*, a noted Pirate, only excepted, who was confined for Mildemeanours, and having sworn Allegiance to the King of *Denmark*, could not justifiably be delivered up; so that the Rear-Admiral was obliged to desist, for his Instructions did not empower him to act in an hostile manner.

Expostulates with the Governor about Kidd.

This Island of *St. Thomas*, about twenty Miles in length, is one of the Westermost of those called the *Virgins*, lying at the East End of *Porto Rico*. Its Harbour (which is very commodious) is on the South side, being capable of receiving Ships of any Rank; and it is well known that the Island itself hath been, as it now is, a Receptacle for Free-Booters of all Nations.

Description of the Isle of St. Thomas.

The latter end of *October* the Rear-Admiral sailed from thence, and cruised eleven Days between the West End of *Porto Rico*, and the East End of *Hispaniola*, when stretching into the Bay of *Samma*, he remained there until the eighteenth of *November*. Four Days after he came before *St. Domingo*, and sent in the *Maidstone* to demand an *English* Sloop which the *Spaniards* had taken some time before; but in this Case he got no more Satisfaction than in the former, wherefore returning to *Jamaica*, he had there an Account that the *South-Sea Castle*, and *Biddesford*, the one a Fifth, the other a Sixth Rate, were lost on *Point Bague*, near the Isle of

Demands an English Ship at St. Domingo.

South-Sea Castle and Biddesford Ash, lost.

Ash, in their Passage from *England* to *Jamaica*, occasioned, as it was generally believed, by their keeping that Shore too close on board in the Night, which, in the Extremity of Weather they met with, they could not disengage themselves from; nor was the Place itself so described then in any of the Sea-Charts, (if at all) as to caution them of the danger.

Receives Or-
ders to return
home.

At *Jamaica* he found a Supply of Provisions from *England*, which he distributed amongst the Ships, and soon after received Orders to return home; but first to consult with the Governor what might be done for the publick Service with the Ships under his Command; and if he himself judged it practicable, he was to range along the Coast between the Gulph of *Florida* and *Newfoundland*, to free those Parts from Pirates.

Coming to
New Eng-
land, he
found Kidd
was sent
home.

Sailing from *Jamaica* with the *Glocester*, *Falmouth*, *Lynn*, *Shoreham*, *Maidstone*, and *Rupert-Prize*, he left the *Saudadoes-Prize* and *Germoon* to attend the Island, instead of the *South-Sea-Castle* and *Biddeford*; and being near the *Havana*, he sent the *Falmouth* home from thence, for she was too weak to be trusted in the Seas about *New England*, on which Coast arriving himself the twentieth of *April*, he found that *Kidd* had been sent from thence towards *England* some time before; for being seized by the Earl of *Bellomont*, Governor of that Country, (who, with other Persons of Quality, were concerned in the Ship) he was put on board one of our Frigates of the Fourth Rate, called the *Advice*, with considerable Riches, but not the Moiety of what he had actually gotten, the Remainder being lodged in the Hands of Persons unknown, or at least such as could not be come at.

Kidd tried
and executed.

This Arch-Pirate had not been long in *England* e'er he was tried at a Sessions of Admiralty, held at the *Old-Baily*, and he, with several of his Accomplices, being condemned, they were executed, and exposed in Chains in proper Places on the Banks of the River of *Thames*, to deter others from committing the like Villanies. I might here take notice of several Passages relating to this hardened Wretch, but more especially as to the great Industry which was used to prevail with him to impeach some Noble Lords who were concerned in setting him out, with a Commission under the Great Seal, as I have said before; but since it is somewhat remote from the Business in hand, I will leave it with this Remark only, that although *Kidd* was in other things a notorious Villain, yet he was so just in this Particular as not wrongfully to accuse the innocent.

Kidd tamper-
ed with.

CHAP. II.

Vice-Admiral Aylmer sent with a Squadron to the Mediterranean; Captain Andrew Leake, and, after him, Captain Stafford Fairborn to Newfoundland, and Captain Thomas Warren to Madagascar.

BESIDES the Ships of War sent to the *West-Indies* with Rear-Admiral *Benbow*, (from which the Kingdom received no other Advantage than the Protection of our Trade from Pirates) there were other Squadrons employed abroad, *viz* one under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Aylmer* * in the *Mediterranean*, for Security of the Trade to *Italy* and *Turky*, who also confirmed the Treaties with the Governments of *Algier*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoli*. Captain *Andrew Leake*, and after him Captain *Stafford Fairborn* † were sent to *Newfoundland* for the Security of our Fishery there, and for conducting them safe to the Ports in the *Mediterranean* and *Portugal*, and thence home. The latter, in his Passage up the *Levant*, put in at *Thoulon*, about the middle of *September*, where he was not only civilly entertain'd by the Marquis of *Nesmond*, but permitted to view their Magazines and Ships, which were thirty two of the Line of Battel, three Fireships, and as many Bomb-Vessels. In his return he visited the Prince of *Hesse Darmstat* at *Barcelona*, who was some time before removed from the Vice-Royship of *Catalonia* (whercin he had given great Satisfaction) to make room for the Count of *Palma*, Nephew of Cardinal *Portacarrero*, which Prelate had been very instrumental in setting the Crown of *Spain* on the Head of the then Duke of *Anjou*, Grandson to the *French King*, and was the principal occasion of the ensuing Rupture.

Soon after Captain *Fairborn* arrived at *Cadiz*, but was obliged to hasten from thence, for the *Spaniards* had notice a War was declared between the *Dutch* and them.

Another small Squadron was sent to the *East-Indies* under the Command of Captain *Thomas Warren*, for the greater Security of that rich Trade, and suppressing Pirates in those Parts. He, with others, jointly commission'd under the Great Seal, had Power to treat with that Nest of Sea-Robbers, who were strongly settled on the Island of *Madagascar*, his Majesty having issued his Royal Declaration of Pardon, if they would surrender themselves; but those hardened Villains were so wedded to their loose Life, that his Majesty's gracious Intentions towards them prevailed but on very few to lay hold thereof, nor was it in the Power of our Ships of War to force them thereunto; so that after they had continued a long time in those Parts, to the no little Expence of the publick Treas-

Other Squadrons sent abroad.

1700. Sir Stafford Fairborn comes to Thoulon, and was civilly treated.

Forced to hasten from Cadiz.

Capt. Warren sent to treat with Pirates at Madagascar.

* Now Lord Aylmer, and Rear-Admiral of England
 † Since Knight, and a High Officer.

ture, they returned home under the Command of Captain *James Littleton* *, (for Captain *Warren* died soon after the landing of Sir *William Norris*, his Majesty's Ambassador to the *Mogul*) who had the good Fortune to burn or destroy some of the Ships belonging to these Sea-Robbers at those Places abroad where they lurked. And as for Pirates in general, his Majesty soon after issued his Royal Proclamation, (upon a Proposal humbly made by my self) promising not only Pardon, but a Reward to such who would discover their Ring-leaders, so as they might be apprehended and brought to Punishment; nay even such who would voluntarily surrender themselves were likewise assured of the King's Mercy; and this had in a great Measure the desired Effect; for although few, or none came in, yet they grew so jealous one of another, that rarely any of them attempted to disturb the Seas many Years.

Another
Course taken
with Pirates.

Captain Munden
sent with
some Ships to
Salley.

A Contribution
for the
Redemption
of Captives.

Another small Squadron was sent before *Salley*, in the Kingdom of *Fez*, under the Conduct of Captain *John Munden* † to cruise against the Pirates of *Barbary*, but more especially those of the aforesaid Port, the principal one they have. He was also empowered to negotiate a Truce with them, and Captain *George Dilavall* ‡ was at the same time employed to treat for the Redemption of our Captives, wherein he had very good Success. There was a general Contribution throughout *England* for the Benefit of those miserable Christians, many of whom had suffered a long time under the intolerable Hardships of Slavery, inasmuch that by what was so collected, and what the Government advanced towards this charitable Design, a great Number received their Liberty, who were brought in a decent Procession through the City of *London*, where a Sermon was preached to them at the Church of *St. Mary le Bow*, suitable to the Occasion.

C H A P. III.

Containing an Account of Sir George Rooke's Proceedings in the Baltick for reconciling the Kings of Denmark and Sweden.

I N the Month of *November* Sir *George Rooke*, Admiral of the Fleet was ordered to take upon him the Command of a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships, which were to be joined by several *Dutch* Men of War, and afterwards by the *Swedish* Fleet in the *Baltick* Sea, and to be employed towards composing the Difference between the two Northern Crowns, which, if not timely effected,

* Since a Flag-Officer and Commissioner of the Navy.

† Afterwards Knighted, and a Flag Officer.

‡ Since a Flag Officer.

might have proved of very ill Consequence to the Affairs of *Europe*.

Sir *George* was not only to command our Ships of War, but those of the States-General, at the Head whereof was Lieutenant-Admiral *Allemonde*; and having received such Orders from his Majesty as were judged proper for the designed Expedition, he sailed towards the Coast of *Holland* to join the *Dutch* Squadron, which were one Ship of 94 Guns, four of 72, five of 64, one of 54, and two of 56, with two Fireships, and three Frigates; and ours were one of 80 Guns, two of 70, and seven of 50, with two Frigates, and one Fireship, besides Bomb-Vessels.

The Strength of the English and Dutch.

About the middle of *May* he arrived at the *Hague*, where conferring with the Pensioner, and the *Swedish* Ambassador, as also with Admiral *Allemonde*, and our Envoy, Mr. *Stanhope*, it was determined that the Place for joining the *Dutch* Ships should be off of *Egmont op Zee*, about three Leagues Southward of the *Texel*, but that if they did not all arrive in eight Days he should proceed to *Gottenburgh*, and leave Orders for the rest to follow. From thence they were to steer their Course as a Council of War should think most adviseable, upon Intelligence of the Readiness of the *Swedish* Fleet, and the Answer which the Ministers of the King of *Denmark* should make to the Declaration of his Majesty of *Great Britain*, and the rest of the Guarrantees, for adhering to the Treaty of *Altena*.

1701.

The twenty fourth of *May* Sir *George Rooke* was joined off of *Scheveling* by Admiral *Allemonde*, with five Ships of the Line, a Frigate, a Fireship, and two Bomb-Vessels, as he was some little time after by Rear-Admiral *Vanderdussen*, and the rest of the *Dutch* Ships, so that getting under Sail, he came off of *Gottenburgh* the eighth Day of *June*.

English and Dutch Ships join.

They arrive off of Gottenburgh.

Five Days after he called a Council of War, and (according to what was then resolved) advanced towards the *Sound*; but was informed the *Danish* Fleet were so stationed, as that they might be able to give him considerable Opposition. When he arrived at the Entrance of the *Sound*, he found them to be twenty eight Sail, proper for the Line of Battel, and that they were ranged athwart the narrow Passage, under the Guns of their Castle of *Cronenberg*, opposite to *Helsingberg*; and here he received Assurance from Count *Wachtmeister*, Admiral-General of *Sweden*, that he would take the very first Opportunity of joining him with the Squadron under his Command.

The Danish Squadron.

Not long after a Signal was made, as had been agreed, from *Helsingberg*, that the *Danish* Fleet were under Sail, whereupon our Admiral weighed Anchor, and advanced into the *Sound*, to prevent any Mischief which might otherwise happen to the *Swedes*; but the *Danish* Ships anchored again on this Side of the *Grounds*, not only to guard the Passage, but to prevent our joining with the *Swedish* Squadron, which were now come down to the South Side of that Chanel.

English and Dutch advance into the Sound.

Swedes flew
in joining.

In this Posture the Fleets lay for some time, Sir *George Rooke* expecting that the *Swedes* would, according to what had been promised, have pushed thorough, which in all Probability they might have done in less than two Hours, for it had blown fresh at S. S. E. but the Opportunity being lost, he got under Sail, and came nearer to the Island *Huen*, mean while the *Danes* ply'd towards him in a Line of Battel, but anchored about Noon near three Leagues off in the Mouth of the Chanel leading up to *Copenhagen*, and the *Swedes* were much about the same Distance on the other Side of the *Grounds*.

Danish Ships
secure them-
selves in Har-
bour.

Soon after Count *Guldenlien*, High Admiral of *Denmark*, sent a Frigate to Sir *George Rooke*, with Admiral *Geddé*, and Monsieur *Hansen*, a Counsellor of State, assuring him that the King of *Denmark* had accepted the Mediation of *England* and *Holland*, with that of *France*, for reconciling the Difference between his Majesty and the Duke of *Holstein*; but Sir *George* being not fully satisfy'd therein, because he had not received any Notice thereof from Mr. *Cresset*, our Minister, and finding that the *Swedish* Fleet had passed the Chanel of *Flinterrena* the third of *July*, he got under Sail the next Day, and anchoring off of *Landscroon*, he joined them the sixth, whereupon the *Danes* retreated into their Harbours, and the Winds being not only fresh, but contrary, the Admiral could not get into *Copenhagen* Road before Tuesday Noon, when viewing the *Danish* Fleet, he found they were secured not only by sunken Vessels, but by floating Stages, whereon they had placed many Guns, and by Booms athwart their Harbour. Besides, they had, for their greater Safety, got some of their Ships within the *Talboate*, and the rest into a Place called the *Reefs Hole*, insomuch that it was judged impracticable to attempt them with the Frigates and Fire-ships; but (as a Council of War had resolv'd) there were four Bomb-Vessels sent as near in as the Bombardiers thought fit, and that Night they threw away about an hundred and forty Shells, for they did little or no Damage.

Danish Ships
bombard'd.

Soon after this there were sent to *Gottenburgh* a Fourth and a Fifth Rate of the *English*, and three Ships of the States-General, to cover the Forces which the King of *Sweden* intended to transport to *Tonningen*, on the River *Eyder*, and three *English*, with six *Swedish*, together with three *Dutch* Ships were ordered into the South Chanel, going into *Copenhagen*, with the Bomb-Vessels from whence they bombarded the *Danish* Fleet some Hours, but not with greater Success than before; nor did those on our Side receive any Damage from their Shells, or the Shot from the Town, Ships, and Pontoons.

Bombard'd a
second time.

Here it may be not improper to inform you, that the *Swedish* Ships which joined the *English* and *Dutch* were three of 80 Guns each, one of 76, one of 74, seven of 70, four of 64, one of 62, two of 56, three of 54, three of 52, and four of 50, with three Frigates, five Fireships, and one Bomb-Vessel, and with them there were three Admirals, two Vice-Admirals, and three Rear-Admirals;

Strength of
the Swedish
Ships, and of
the whole.

so that the whole Strength consisted of fifty two Ships of the Line of Battel, from 94 to 52 Guns.

Preparations were now making for a vigorous Descent in *Koge Bay*, and between *Copenhagen* and *Elfsnore* at the same time; but the Winds being contrary, those Troops which embarked at *Udstedt*, being chiefly Horse, could not get over to the aforesaid Bay, as was intended, so that they were put on Shore, and ordered to *Landscroon*, and *Helsenburg*, to be transported from thence; and the latter End of *July* the King of *Sweden* landed with about five thousand Foot near four Miles on this Side *Elfsnore*, without any great Loss, although the *Danes* had brought down a Body of Horse and Foot, and three or four Field-Pieces to oppose them.

King of Sweden lands near Elfsnore.

The young King remained intrenched in his Camp, until he was strengthened by several Squadrons of Horse, and then he purposed to besiege the City; but although Matters were at this Pass, it was agreed on all Sides that the Commerce should not be interrupted, so that Shipping passed and re-passed the *Sound* as usual; nor did any farther Acts of Hostility enlue, for all Differences were soon after happily accommodated, and the Squadrons thereupon returned home. Thus were these two Northern Monarchs reconciled, or at least the King of *Denmark*, who was the Aggressor, submitted to reasonable Terms, which King *William*, and his Allies the States-General had determined to constrain him to do: And had they not thus gone roundly to work with the *Danes*, by assisting the *Swedes* with so considerable a Part of their Naval Force, and letting them see that if they declined an amicable Accommodation, they had nothing else to expect but a vigorous Attack on their Country, the Quarrel between those two Princes, which must have drawn after it other ill Consequences, would not have been so soon brought to a happy Issue.

Differences accommodated.

CHAP. IV.

Containing an Account of Sir George Rooke's Proceedings with the Fleet in and about the Chanel, and of the Naval Preparations of the French.

IN the Month of *February* the *English* Flag-Officers were dispatched to the several Ports, not only to hasten out the Ships, but to send them to the Rendezvous in the *Downs*, for there was at that time a Suspicion that the *French* (although it was not thought a War would immediately break out) had a Design to cover a Transport, some time in *March*, with a Squadron from *Dunkirk*, and that they would land Forces in this Kingdom, wherefore Orders were sent to Rear-Admiral *Benbow*, who commanded in the *Downs*, to use his best Endeavours to frustrate such a Design. And that as ma

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Suspicion of a Descent from France.

ny Ships might be got together, and as early too, as it was possible, those which had more than their middle Complements of Men were ordered to discharge them into such as wanted of that Number: But the *French*, if they really had any such Intentions, did not think it convenient at this time to put them in Execution.

It was, upon farther Consideration, thought advisable to appoint *Spithead* for the Rendezvous, and to that Place Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* (then Admiral of the Blue) was ordered to proceed with the Fleet from the *Downs*, but first to leave a proper Squadron to look after the *French Ships* at *Dunkirk*, which was put under the Command of Sir *John Munden*, who had for some time continued at *Sheerness*, and been very diligent in the Dispatch of the great Ships from *Chatham*. And that the Fleet might be got together as soon as it was possible, Vice-Admiral *Hopson*, whose Flag was flying at *Spithead*, was ordered to detain all such Ships as might touch there, either from the *Downs* or the Western Ports.

1701.

In the Month of *April* a nimble Frigate called the *Lizard*, commanded by Captain *Rupert Billingsly*, was sent to discover what Naval Preparations the *French* were making at *Brest*, *Port Louis*, and *Rochefort*, who meeting with several of their Barges, he was assured by the Masters of them that the Ships at the latter of those Places were preparing for the Sea, and that seven Frigates lately arrived from *Spain*, rid under the *Ile Daix*.

Captain Billingsly sent to discover the Enemy's Preparations.

Proceeding on, he ran up towards the *Pertuis d'Antioche*, until he had the aforesaid *Ile S. E.* about four Miles distant, and then anchored. There was in the *Road de Basque* a *French Ship* of 70 Guns, but that he might be the less suspected, he ordered his Lieutenant on board of her, with a Pretence that he was sent thither in Search of an *English Ketch* that had been ran away with from *Milford* by several prest Men, which Vessel he heard had been in the Bay of *Biscay*.

The Lieutenant was very civilly treated, and after some Discourse with the Captain of the *French Ship*, he sent him on Shore to the Governor of *Rochelle*, and Monsieur *Du Cassé* (for he was then at that Place) ordered the *French Officer* who accompanied him to take care for his being supplied with what he wanted.

When the Lieutenant returned on board the *French Ship*, the second Captain of her discovered himself to him, said his Name was *Bennet*, and that he commanded the *Trident* when she and the *Content* were taken the last War in the *Mediterranean*, having made his Escape from *Messina*, where he had for some time been a Prisoner.

Monsieur *Du Cassé* was designed to Sea in this Ship of 70 Guns, but under Orders to remain in the *Road de Basque* until the Remainder of his Squadron joined him there, some whereof were suddenly expected from *Brest*, and others from *Port Louis*, all equipped for foreign Service; and Part of this Squadron were the Ships which Vice-Admiral *Benbow* afterwards met with, and engaged in the *West-Indies*, of which unfortunate Action an Account shall be given in its proper Place.

On the fourth of *May* Captain *Billingſly* anchored at the Entrance of *Breſt* Harbour, and ſent his Lieutenant on Shore, under Pretence of enquiring for the ſtraggling Ketch, and to bring off ſome Water. The Lieutenant had no ſooner landed than he was conveyed to *Monſieur Cotlongon*, who then commanding there, let him know, that he was no Stranger to the real Buſineſs he came about. However, the Lieutenant requested Liberty to fill ſome Water, but was answered that *Breſt* was not a Place for him to be furniſhed with it, and therefore he gave him a Letter to the Governor of *Camaret* Tower to ſuffer him to fill what Water he wanted, and to ſupply him with whatever elſe he ſhould deſire; but as he had no preſent Occaſion, he returned without making any uſe of this Courteſy. In the Port of *Breſt* the *French* were getting ready their great Ships, and there were four Frigates, ſheathed and fitted for a foreign Voyage, bound, as it was judged, to *Rochefort*, where *Monſieur Du Caſſe* lay.

Preparations at Breſt.

The Lieutenant of the *Lizard* having given his Commander an Account of what paſſed on Shore, he lent him to the Governor of *Camaret* with the aforeſaid Letter from *Monſieur Cotlongon*, who adviſed him to haſten to his Ship, for that if ſhe did not ſuddenly depart the Road he would fire on her; whereupon Captain *Billingſly* got under Sail in the Evening, and made the beſt of his Way to *Spithead*, where, to his no little Mortification, he received Notice of the War, for he had met with a *French* Merchant Ship of about 16 Guns, which he judged came from the *West-Indies*, and probably would have been a very good Booty to him.

Captain Billingſly obliged to go out of Camaret Bay.

Having made this little Digreſſion, I return to the Body of our Fleet, which at the Beginning of the Year was in great Want of Men, and therefore it was ordered that all the Ships, except the Squadron deſigned for the *West-Indies*, ſhould enter no more than their loweſt Complements, for by this means it was judged that each of them might be the ſooner put into a tolerable Condition for Service; and ſince many of the Men of that Squadron were raw, and unexperienced, the Ships were frequently ſent out to cruize, that ſo they might be exerciſed, and inured, in ſome Degree, to the Service before they proceeded on the Voyage.

Sir Cloudeſly Shovell arrived at *Spithead* the fifteenth of *April*, with forty ſix *English* Ships, and ten *Dutch*, including ſmall Frigates and Fireſhips, from whence there were Squadrons ſent to *Ireland*, for conducting Troops from thence to *Holland*, and Cruizers into the *Soundings*, and elſewhere, for Security of the Trade, while others were employed for Intelligence; for the *French*, according to the beſt Advices which could be gained, were at this time making all imaginable Diſpatch in fitting out, and manning their Ships at *Breſt*, and the Ports in the *Bay*.

Sir Cloudeſly Shovell comes to Spithead, and Squadrons ſent from the Fleet.

Captain *John Leake** being ſent out in the Month of *Auguſt* with ſome Frigates for Intelligence, was informed, when off of *Breſt*, that eight Ships of War were gone from that Port towards the *Mediter-*

Capt. John Leake ſent for Intelligence.

*Afterwards knighted, and Admiral of the Fleet.

ranean. One of his Lieutenants was on board a *French* Vice-Admiral in *Brest* Water, and found there were nineteen Ships in that Harbour, of which the *Hope*, of 70 Guns, taken from us the last War, was the least, as also four Fireships, and one Frigate, all lying with their Top-fails loose, unmoored, in order to fail the first fair Wind, and with them there were a Vice, and two Rear-Admirals.

The Admiral of the Fleet, Sir *George Rooke*, went on board the *Triumph* in the Downs the second of July, (at which time his Majesty was convoyed to *Holland* by Vice-Admiral *Hopson*) and arriving at *Spithead* the fourth, received Directions to follow the King's Orders. In few Days he was joined by Rear-Admiral *Munden*, with two Third Rates, six Fourths, and one Fifth, and then he formed his Line of Battel, which was composed of the Numbers and Rates of Ships following, *viz.*

Strength of
the Fleets,
English and
Dutch.

		<i>English.</i>			
		Number.			Guns each.
	2	—	—	—	90
	6	—	—	—	80
	13	—	—	—	70
	11	—	—	—	60
	16	—	—	—	50
	—				
	48	Besides small Frigates, Fireships, Bomb-Vessels, &c.			

Dutch.

	1	—	—	—	92
	1	—	—	—	90
	2	—	—	—	72
	4	—	—	—	64
	1	—	—	—	52
	6	—	—	—	50
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15 And they had also small Frigates, and other necessary Vessels.

With the *English* Fleet there were, besides the Admiral himself, the several Flag-Officers hereafter mentioned, *viz.*

Sir <i>Cloudesly Shovell</i> ,	Admiral of the Blue.
Sir <i>Thomas Hopson</i> ,	Vice-Admiral of the Red.
<i>John Benbow</i> , Esq;	Vice-Admiral of the Blue.
Sir <i>John Munden</i> ,	Rear-Admiral of the Red.

Of the *Dutch*.

Lt. Admiral *Allemonde*.
Vice Admiral *Vandergoets*.
Rear-Admiral *Wassenaer*.

He was obliged to remain at *St. Helen's* until the middle of *August* for want of Provisions, and many other Necessaries, to enable him to proceed to Sea; but failing then, and stopping Tides, gained his Passage to *Torbay*, where he was forced to anchor the twenty first by a strong S. W. Wind. Some Days after he sailed, but was no sooner got clear of the Land, than he met the Wind fresh at S. W. again, which encreasing, and several Ships having lost their Top-masts, and split their Sails, he was obliged to return to *Torbay*, to prevent the Fleet's being driven as far Eastward as *St. Helen's*.

The twenty ninth in the Morning weighing with the Wind at N. W. and fair Weather, he reached off of the *Fourn-head*, near the Isle of *Ushant*, the first of *September*, from whence (in pursuance of the Orders of the Lords-Justices of the Kingdom, in the Absence of his Majesty) he detached six Third Rates, nine Fourths, one Fifth, one Sixth, two Fireships, a Storeship, and an Hospital, of the *English*, under the Command of Sir *John Munden*, and ten *Dutch* Ships, besides Fireships, and small Frigates, commanded by Baron *Wassenaer*, to see the Squadron bound to the *West-Indies* well into the Sea.

The Fleet comes off of Ushant,

and

sends forward the West-India Squadron.

The Admiral was informed by the Master of a Hoy off of *Falmouth*, which came from *Brest* the twenty ninth of *August*, (where he had been detained a considerable time) that on the third Day of the said Month the *St. Esprit* of 78 Guns, and the *St. Francis* of 52, sailed to the *West-Indies*, with a small Frigate, a Fireship, and four large Storeships, and that the very Day he came out Monsieur *Chateau Renault* put to Sea with three Ships of three Decks, five of 70 Guns each, two of 50, and four Frigates from 30 to 40 Guns, three Fireships, and four Storeships, all of them victualled for six Months. He added that the Count *D'Estrees* was arrived at *Brest* from *Cadiz*, to command in the Absence of Monsieur *Chateau Renault*, and that there were laid up in that Harbour eleven Three-Deck Ships, and four of 70 Guns, which they were stripping, and repairing against the next Summer; and about a Fortnight before this Master of the Hoy came from the said Port of *Brest*, there sailed from thence two Ships of the first Rank, and four others, bound (as it was reported) for *Lisbon*, to assist the King of *Portugal* in fitting out his Fleet, for then it was suspected that that Prince would have declared in favour of *France*.

Several French Ships sail from Brest.

French Ships sent to assist the King of Portugal.

Sir *George Rooke* being ordered, if he found Monsieur *Chateau Renault* was sailed from *Brest*, to cruise with the remaining part of the Fleet (after the Detachment was made with the *West-India* Squadron) in such Stations as might be most proper for the Security of the several Trades expected from foreign Parts, it was resolved by a Council of Flag-Officers to cruise in the Latitude of 49ⁿ. 30^m. between twenty and fifty Leagues from the Islands of *Scilly*; but as they were of Opinion it was not safe to keep the great Ships at Sea after the tenth of *September*, so did they, for that reason, resolve to repair then towards *St. Helen's*, or indeed sooner, if the Winds happened to set in, and to blow hard Westerly.

Station agreed for our Fleet to cruise in.

Having

The Fleet returns to St. Helen's.

Having therefore cruised to the Extent of that time, the Admiral left the Station, and beat up several Days between the *Start* and *Plimouth*, to prevent his being forced into the *Sound*, a dangerous Place for Ships of that Magnitude; inſomuch that he arrived not at *St. Helen's* until the twentieth of *September*, and then received Orders to come with the great Ships to the *Downs*, the *Dutch* being already gone to *Spithead*, after they had paid the Complement of a Salute, a thing which is uſual at the end of an Expedition.

This Year's Service at home ending thus, I return to the Squadron ſent to the *West-Indies* under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Benbow*, and ſhall give a particular Account of Affairs in thoſe Parts, before I enter on any thing which happened in the Chanel, or elſewhere, that ſo the ſame may appear at one View.

C H A P. V.

Containing an Account of Vice-Admiral Benbow's Proceedings in the West-Indies (and particularly his engaging a Squadron of French Ships in thoſe Parts) till the time of his Death, when the Command devolved on Rear-Admiral Whetſtone.

1701.

Vice-Admiral *Benbow* parted with Sir *George Rooke* off of *Scilly* the ſecond of *September*, and had then with him not only his own proper Squadron, but the other *English* and *Dutch* Ships before-mentioned, which were detached to ſee him part of his way; but from the third to the ninth it blew extreme hard, which occaſioned the Loſs of many Sails and Top-maſts.

Arrives at the Iſle of St. Mary's.

On the twenty eighth he made *St. Mary's*, (one of the *Azores*, *Tercera's*, or *Western Iſlands*) when calling the Flag-Officers and Captains on board, he communicated to them his Inſtructions, who thereupon came to a Reſolution to cruize between the Latitudes of 36^d, 30^m, and 35^d, 30^m, about twenty Leagues *Westward* of the ſaid Iſland, and not to go *Eastward* of it until they could get better Intelligence, for procuring whereof he ſent a Frigate to *St. Michael's*, and the *Dutch* detached two of theirs to *St. Mary's*. Ours brought an Account that the *Portugueſe* were under great Apprehenſions of a War, and that they daily expected their *Brazil Fleet* at the *Tercera's*. The Captains of the *Dutch* Frigates (which returned the fourth of *October*) related, that on the twenty eighth of *Auguſt*, O. S. there paſſ'd by *St. Mary's* thirty two Ships, part of them the *Spanish Flota*, and the reſt *French Ships of War*, with a Rear-Admiral, whercupon the Flag-Officers were conſulted; but ſince they could not give entire Credit to the Report, it was agreed to ſtand as far *Westward* as

Meaſures taken for Intelligence.

Flores and *Corvo*, with the first Opportunity of an Easterly Wind, and to cruise between the Latitudes of 37 and 35 Degrees.

On the fifth they made sail, and continued so until the tenth, when the Beer in those Ships which were with Sir *John Munden* being in a great measure expended, the Vice-Admiral gave him Orders to make the best of his way to *England*, and proceeded himself with his proper Squadron towards the *West-Indies*, which being composed of two Third Rates, and eight Fourths, he arrived with them at *Barbadoes* the third of *November*, having not met any thing remarkable in his Passage; and here he left a Fourth Rate to follow the Governor's Orders till another arrived from *England*.

Sir John Munden parts with Vice-Admiral Lenbow,

who arrives at Barbadoes,

and

Coming to *Martinica* the eighth of the next Month, after he had ran down fairly in view of all the *French* Fortifications, and Ports, where were several Merchant Ships, but no Men of War, he found them under great Apprehensions of a Rupture, and that they were busying themselves in fortifying the Island, whereon (as was reported) they had three thousand Whites, and daily expected a Squadron from *France*.

Martinica.

The next Day he came to an Anchor in Prince *Rupert's* Bay, where he supplied himself with Water, and other Refreshments. It is on the N. W. End of *Dominica*, which is inhabited chiefly by *Indians*, who (by reason of their Neighbourhood to and Intercourse with the *French* Islands on each side of them) generally speak that Language; and as they were very friendly to our People, so was the like Civility shewn to them.

The Vice-Admiral arriving at *Nevis*, found the *Leeward* Islands in so good a Condition as not to want any immediate Assistance from him; so that he left them, and proceeding to *Jamaica*, arrived there the fifth of *December*, and anchor'd in *Port Royal* Harbour, where he found two of our Ships, the one a Fifth, and the other a Sixth Rate. The Inhabitants of this Island expecting War, were providing the best they could for their Defence; and about twenty Days before Mr. *Benbow* arrived, there were seen off of *Cape St. Antony*, on the West End of *Cuba*, five *French* Ships; but there being no certain News of the *Flota* from the *Havana*, he hired a Sloop, and sent her to discover whether they were still there.

Mr. Benbow comes to Jamaica.

Within few Days he had notice from a *Spanish* Sloop that the *Flota* were at *La Vera Cruz*, the Money ready to be put on board, and that twelve *French* Ships of War lay at the *Havana* ready to convoy them home; and in *January* he was informed that this Squadron was augmented to sixteen; that *Monsieur Cotlongon* was made Captain-General, and Commander in Chief of the *Spanish* Maritime Forces in those Parts, and that the *Flota* was daily expected at the *Havana*.

The Spanish Flota at La Vera Cruz.

Towards the latter end of *January* Brigadier-General *Selwyn* arrived at his Government of *Jamaica*, and with him one Fourth, one Fifth, and one Sixth Rate, a Bomb-Vessel, a Hulk, a Fireship, and three Vessels with Naval Ordnance Stores. By these Ships the Vice-Admiral had Advice that a *French* Squadron arrived at *Martinica*.

1704. Governor Selwyn arrives at Jamaica.

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French Squadron at Martinica.

tinica about two Months before, and that they were considerably stronger than ours, which put the Governor and Council of *Jamaica* under such Apprehensions, that they provided, at their own Expence, two Fireships for the better Safety of the Island.

Barbadoes alarmed.

The beginning of *March* the Vice-Admiral was informed that Monsieur *Cotlongon* (who commanded the *French Squadron* at the *Havana*) had joined Monsieur *Chateau Renault* at *Martinica*, and that they were put to Sea. This alarmed *Barbadoes*, (for there they had also notice of it) and the more so, because we had nothing in those Parts (especially of Sea-Force) which could oppose the *French*.

Monsieur Chateau Renault in the Gulph of Logane.

Not long after this there was Intelligence that the *French Squadron* had been seen off of the S.W. End of *Porto Rico*, the latter End of *February*, in Number forty Sail, with three Flags; but since it could not be entirely depended on, a Sloop was sent up the South, and down the North side of *Hispaniola*, to look into all the Bays and Harbours. This Vessel proceeded as high as *Porto Rico*, and round the Island of *Hispaniola*, and looked particularly in at *Samana*, but steering along the Shore off of *Logane*, a large Ship giving her chase, forced her to Leeward. The next Day, near *Petit-Guavas*, she met with a *French Sloop*, and learnt from her that Monsieur *Chateau Renault* was then in the Gulph of *Logane* with thirty Ships of War, and that he had some time before sent ten of the biggest Ships home: But though their Strength was indeed considerable in those Parts, yet did it not amount to what was reported of them.

Governor Selwyn's much lamented.

The beginning of *April* Governor *Selwyn* died, who was deservedly very much esteemed by the Inhabitants of *Jamaica*; for during the little time he had been there, he shew'd great Care and Zeal for the Good and Defence of the Island, inasmuch that his Loss occasion'd a general Grief.

Rear-Admiral Whetstone joins Mr. Benbow.

Although there was at this time a great want of Men in the Squadron, yet the Vice-Admiral determined (since he had no farther Account of the *French*) to sail the beginning of *May* between *Jamaica* and *Petit-Guavas*, not only for the Preservation of the Health of those he had, but to inform himself of Affairs in those Parts, having not yet received Advice from *England* whether there was Peace or War. Accordingly he sailed from *Jamaica* the eighth of *May*, but before he got clear of the Island he met with Rear-Admiral *Whetstone*, with whom he returned, to communicate to the Government some Orders received from *England*, having first sent the *Falmouth*, *Ruby*, and *Experiment* to cruise off of *Petit-Guavas*.

1712. Advice of a French Squadron.

He had Advice about the middle of *May*, that on the seventeenth of the preceding Month there passed by *Comanagotta*, on *Terra Firma*, seventeen tall Ships, which steered towards the West End of *Cuba*. These Ships he judged to be part of Monsieur *Chateau Renault's* Squadron, and that they were bound to the *Havana* to offer their Service for convoying home the *Flota*; but he had not Strength to follow them, without subjecting the Island

Island to the Insults of those Ships which (by the best Intelligence he could gain) were at *Logane*.

Some little time after the Master of a *Spanish Sloop* from *Cuba* acquainted him that Monsieur *Chateau Renault* was at the *Havana*, with twenty six Ships of War, waiting for the *Flota* from *La Vera Cruz*, and this was confirmed by the Ships he had sent out, which in their Tour in those Parts had taken four Prizes, one of them a Ship mounted with 24 Guns, but capable of carrying 40. The Vice-Admiral being likewise informed by a Sloop from *Petit-Guavas* that four Ships with Provisions were bound from thence to the *Havana*, he sent three Frigates to intercept them between Cape *St. Nicholas* and Cape *Mayze*, the very Track leading thither, (for now he had Advice of the Rupture) but they had not the wished-for Success. The same Day he detached Rear-Admiral *Whetstone* (for Captain *Martin*, who was Vice-Admiral of the Squadron, died soon after his coming to *Jamaica*) with two Third Rates, three Fourths, and a Fireship, to intercept Monsieur *Du Cass*, who he heard was expected at *Port Louis*, at the West End of *Hispaniola*, a little within the Isle of *Ash*, with four Ships of War, to settle the *Affiento* at *Carthagena*, and to destroy the Trade of the *English* and *Dutch* for Negroes, resolving to sail himself in five or six Days with the Remainder of the Squadron in search of those *French*, lest the Rear-Admiral should miss them.

Other Advice.

Rear-Admiral Whetstone sent in quest of Monsieur Du Cass.

The eleventh Day of *July* he sailed from *Port Royal* with two Third Rates, six Fourths, one Fireship, a Bomb-Vessel, a Tender, and a Sloop, with design to join the Rear-Admiral; but three Days after meeting Intelligence by the *Colchester* and *Pendennis* that Monsieur *Du Cass* was expected at *Logane*, he plied up for that Port.

Vice-Admiral Benbow goes in quest of Monsieur Du Cass, at Logane.

Coming into the Gulf of *Logane* the twenty seventh, he saw several Ships at Anchor near the Town, one of which being under sail was taken by the Vice Admiral's own Boat. The Men informed him that there were five or six Merchant Ships at *Logane*, and that another Ship in view was a Man of War capable of carrying 50 Guns, but that she had then no more than 30 mounted. This Ship he pursued, and press'd her so close, that when there was no farther hopes of escaping, her Captain ran her on shore, where she blew up. He lay as near the Land as conveniently he could all Night, and coming before the Town in the Morning, found that all the Ships were sailed, except one of 18 Guns, in order to secure themselves in a Harbour called the *Cue*: However, some of our Frigates which were between them and home took three, and sunk another. That Ship with 18 Guns was hauled on shore under a Fortification whereon was mounted 12, but yet the Boats which were sent in burnt her on the Ground, and brought off some others with Wines, Brandy, &c.

A French Ship blown up.

French Ships taken.

The twenty ninth he came before *Petit-Guavas*, but there being no Ships at that Port, he went not in. There were indeed three or four in a Harbour which lies much within the Land, but since it was strongly fortified, as well by Nature as by Art, he thought it

People at Petit-Guavas surpris'd.

not convenient to run so great a Hazard for so small a Matter, but continuing in the Bay until the second of *August*, stretched from one end of the inhabited part thereof to the other, thereby fatiguing the People, who were apprehensive that he would land, which his Circumstances would by no means permit him to do.

Some little time after he arrived in a Bay at Cape *Donna Maria*, on the West End of *Hispaniola*, a very convenient Place for Water, from whence he sent the *Colchester* to cruise on the North, and the *Experiment* and *Pendennis* on the East End of *Jamaica*: And being informed that Monsieur *Du Cas* was gone to *Carthagena*, and bound from thence to *Porto Bello*, he resolved to sail to that Coast with two Thirds and four Fourth Rates, Rear-Admiral *Whetstone* (who had taken a *French Ship of War* of 18 Guns, and two Sloops in his Cruise) being now at *Jamaica*, with necessary Orders for the Security of that Island.

Mr. Benbow sails from Cape Donna Maria towards Santa Martha, and discovers several French Ships.

The tenth Day of *August* he sailed from Cape *Donna Maria*, and stretching over towards the Coast of *Santa Martha*, he, on the nineteenth in the Evening, discovered ten Sail near that Place. Standing towards them, he soon found the greatest part were *French Ships of War*, whereupon making the usual Signal for a Line of Battel, he went away with an easy Sail, that to his sternmost Ships might come up and join him, the *French* steering Westward along Shore, under their Top-sails.

Our Ships engage the French, but some did not their Duty.

They were four Ships from 60 to 70 Guns, with one great *Dutch* built Ship of about 30 or 40, and there was another full of Soldiers; the rest small ones, and a Sloop. Our Frigates astern were a long while coming up, and the Night advancing, the Admiral steer'd a long side of the *French*, but although he endeavour'd to near them, yet he intended not to make any Attack until the *Defiance* was gotten abreast of the headmost. Before he could reach that Station the *Falmouth* (which was in the Rear) attempted the *Dutch Ship*, the *Windfor* the Ship abreast of her, as did also the *Defiance*; and soon after the Admiral himself was engaged, having first received the Fire of the Ship which was opposite to him; but the *Defiance* and *Windfor* stood no more than two or three Broadfides e'er they lust out of Gun-shot, insomuch that the two sternmost Ships of the Enemy lay upon the Admiral, and gauled him very much; nor did the Ships in the Rear come up to his Assistance with that Diligence which might have been expected. From four a Clock until Night the Fight continued, and though they then left off firing, yet the Admiral kept them Company; and being of opinion that it might be better for the Service if he made a new Line of Battel, and led himself on all Tacks, he did so, but all to little purpose, although the Enemy seem'd rather to decline than renew the Engagement.

Mr Benbow to little purpose alters his Disposition.

The twentieth, at break of Day, he found himself very near the *French Ships*, but that there were not any more of his Squadron up with him than the *Ruby*, the rest being three, four, and five Miles astern; and it was somewhat surprizing that the *French*, when they had the Flag himself within their Reach, were so good natur'd as not to fire one Gun on him. At Two in the Afternoon they

drew into a Line, but yet made what Sail they could from our Squadron, however the Vice-Admiral's own Ship and the *Ruby* kept them Company all Night, plying their chase Guns.

Mr. Benbow with one Ship more engages the French.

Next Morning early he was on the Quarter of the second Ship of the Enemy's Line, within point-blank Shot, but the *Ruby* being ahead of him. she fired at her, as the other Ship also did which was ahead of the Flag, who engaging that Ship which first attack'd the *Ruby*, plied her so warmly, that she was forced to tow off; and he would have followed her with more speed, had he not been obliged to stay by the *Ruby*, for she was very much shatter'd in her Masts, Sails, and Rigging. This Action continued almost two Hours, during which time that Ship of the Enemy's which was in their Rear, happened to be abreast of the *Defiance* and *Windfor*, and even within Gun-shot, but (as it was credibly reported) their Captains did not think fit to spend so much as one Ounce of Powder on her.

Captain of Defiance and Windfor's shameful Behaviour.

A Gale sprung up about eight a Clock, and then the *French* making what sail they could, the Vice-Admiral chafed, with great Desire of coming up with them; for as his Ships were in very good order for Battle, so had he hopes that the Captains would, at last, have done their Duty. At length he got abreast of two of their sternmost Ships, and fired on them, as some of our Ships did which were a small Distance astern of him; but they pointing their Guns wholly at the Vice-Admiral's Ship, galled her Rigging, and dismounted two or three of her lower Tire of Guns, though at the same time they edged away, and were within two Hours out of reach.

The Enemy fire chiefly at the Vice-Admiral.

The twenty second in the Morning, at Day light, the *Greenwich* was about three Leagues astern, though the Signal for a Line of Battle was never taken in; but all the other Ships, except the *Ruby*, were nearer, and the *French* almost a Mile and a half ahead. At Three in the Afternoon the Wind, which was before Easterly, changed to the S. W. and gave the Enemy the Advantage of the Weather Gage; but the Vice Admiral, by tacking, fetched within Gun-shot of the sternmost of their Ships, when each of them fired at the other. Our Line was now much out of order, some of the Ships being at least three Miles astern; notwithstanding which the *French* appeared to be very uneasy, for they did often, and very confusedly too, alter their Courte between the West and North.

The English Ships in much Disorder.

Next Morning they were about six Miles ahead, and the great *Dutch* Ship stood away at a considerable Distance from them, when some of our Squadron (particularly the *Defiance* and *Windfor*) were four Miles astern of the Flag; but the *French* tacking about ten a Clock, with the Wind at E. N. E. the Vice-Admiral fetched within point blank Shot of two of them, and each gave the other his Broadside.

The *Ruby*, by reason of her Defects, was sent to *Jamaica* to refit, and the rest of the Ships now mending their pace, they were all fairly up with the Vice Admiral about Eight at Night, the Enemy being then near two Miles off. There was now a Prospect of

The Ruby sent to Jamaica.

Some of the English Captains do not do their Duty.

Mr. Benbow's right Leg broken.

French bear down on our Ships.

Shameful Behaviour of some of the English Captains.

doing some Service, and Mr. *Benbow* himself made the best of his way after them, but all the Ships of his Squadron, except the *Falmouth*, fell much astern again. At Twelve the *French* began to separate, and he steering after the sternmost, came so near her at Two in the Morning, that he fired his Broadside, and round and partridge Shot from his upper Tire of Guns, which the *French* Ship returned very briskly, and about three a Clock the Admiral's right Leg was unhappily broken by a Chain-shot. The Skirmish continued until it was Day-light, when there was discovered a Ship of about 70 Guns with her Main and Fore-top-sail Yard disabled, and her sides very much torn by our double-headed Shot. The *Falmouth* assisted well in this Action, but no other Ship, and no sooner was it Day than the *French* came towards our Squadron with a strong Squall of an Easterly Wind. At this time the *Pendennis*, *Windsor*, and *Greenwich* stood ahead of the Enemy towards the Vice Admiral, and bore to Leeward of the disabled Ship beforementioned, but passed by her, after firing their Broad-sides, and stood Southward, without any regard to the Line of Battel. The *Defiance* followed them, and running also to Leeward of the said disabled Ship, fired some of her Guns; but when there had been no more than twenty return'd, her Commander put her Helm a-weather, bore away before the Wind, lower'd both her Top-sails, and ran down towards the *Falmouth*, which was even then above Gun-shot to the Leeward of the Admiral.

The Enemy seeing these Ships stretch away Southward, expected that they would tack and stand with them, for which reason they brought to with their Heads Northward, at about two Miles distance, the Vice-Admiral being within Half-Gun-shot of the disabled Ship; but the *French* perceiving that those three Ships did not tack, as they had reason to think they would have done, they bore down upon our Flag, and running between him and their shattered Ship, gave him all the Fire they could; nor was there at this time any of his Ships near him, for they were in a hurry, and shewed as little regard to Discipline as they did to their own Honour. The Captain to the Admiral fired two Guns at those Ships ahead, to put them in mind of their Duty, but the *French* seeing the great Disorder they were in, brought to, and lay by their disabled Ship, remann'd her, and took her in a tow.

When the Vice-Admiral's tatter'd Rigging was repaired, Orders were given to chase the Enemy, who were at least three Miles to Leeward, steering N. E. the Wind at S. S. W. but our Ships continued to run to and fro very confusedly. The Flag being under great Uneasiness at such scandalous Proceedings, commanded the Captain of the *Defiance* on board of him, who, in a very odd manner, endeavoured to dissuade him from renewing the Engagement, since he had (as he alledged) tried the Enemy's Strength six Days together with so ill Success: And the other Captains being likewise called, most of them were of opinion that it was not advisable to continue the Fight, although they were at this very time on the Enemy's Broad-sides, with the fairest Opportunity of Success that had yet offer'd:

The English Captains of opinion not to renew the Fight.

fer'd: Besides, our Strength was one Ship of 70 Guns, one of 64, one of 60, and three of 50, their Masts, Yards, and all things else, in as good a Condition as could be expected, and not above eight Men killed, except those in the Vice-Admiral's own Ship; nor was there any want of Ammunition; whereas the Enemy had no more than four Ships from 60 to 70 Guns, and one of them in a tow by reason of her being disabled in her Masts and Rigging. The Vice-Admiral finding himself under these Disappointments, thought it high time to return to *Jamaica*, where he soon after joined the rest of his Squadron with Rear-Admiral *Whetstone*.

Vice-Admiral Benbow returns to Jamaica.

These *French* Ships with Monsieur *Du Cas* carried from the *Groyne* the Duke of *Albuquerque*, with a considerable Number of Soldiers, who was sent from his Employment of Vice-Roy of *Audulussa* to reside in that Quality in *Mexico*, and part of them were the very same which got into the *Groyne*, when some of our Ships were cruising in those Parts under the Command of Sir *John Munden* to intercept them, of which I shall give a particular Account, when I can enter thereon without entangling it with this Transaction in the *West-Indies*.

An Account of the French Squadron.

This *French* Squadron, which at first was composed of eight Ships of War, and fourteen Transports, touching at *Porto Rico*, supplied themselves with Wood and Water, and after three Days stay proceeding Westward, they separated off of the East End of *Hispaniola*, which was about the tenth of *August*; the Vice Roy running down the North side thereof for *La Vera Cruz* with two of the Men of War, one of 70, and the other of 60 Guns; Monsieur *Du Cas* with the other six, and three Transports, bent his Course along the South side, with five hundred *Spanish* Soldiers, and stopp'd at *St. Domingo*; but making little or no stay there, sailed for *Rio de la Hacha*, where he lay not above two Hours, but leaving two Ships of War, one of 50, and the other of 40 Guns, to settle the *Affiento* for Negroes, steered towards *Carthagena* and *Porto Bello* to land his Forces.

The twentieth of *September* the *York* and *Norwich* arrived at *Jamaica*, bringing a necessary Supply of Stores and Provisions; and as soon as the Vice-Admiral could have Matters got in Readiness for trying at a Court-Martial those Captains who had so scandalously failed in the Performance of their Duty, he ordered Rear-Admiral *Whetstone* to examine thoroughly therunto, chusing rather so to do, (though he had not Authority to delegate his Power to another) than to sit as President of the Court himself; and after several Days were spent in examining Witnesses, and hearing what the Prisoners could alledge in their own Justification, the Captains of the *Defiance* and *Gravenstein* received Sentence of Death, which was not put in Execution until they arrived in the *Bristol* at *Plimouth*, aboard which Ship they were shot; for the Orders sent from hence did not come timely to *Jamaica*. The Captain of the *Windfor* was cashiered, and sentenced to be imprisoned during her Majesty's Pleasure; he who commanded the *Tendennis* died before the Trial, otherwite he would, in all Probability, have received the same Sen-

Some of the English Captains sentenced to Death

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tence as those of the *Defiance* and *Greenwich*; and the Vice-Admiral's own Captain, with the Commander of the *Falmouth* were suspended, for signing to the Paper drawn up and delivered by the others, wherein they gave their Reasons for not renewing the Engagement; but he having represented that those two Gentlemen had behaved themselves very well in the Action, the Lord High-Admiral was pleased to send Orders for their being employed again.

As I have forbore mentioning the Names of those two unhappy Gentlemen who suffered, (one of whom on other Occasions had distinguished himself) more for the Sake of their Relations than any other Consideration, so thus much may be observed as to Vice-Admiral *Benbow's* Conduct; that although he was a good Seaman, and a gallant Man, and that he was qualified, in most respects, to command a Squadron, especially in the *West-Indies*, in which Parts of the World he had had long Experience, yet when he found his Captains so very remiss in the Performance of their Duty, I think he ought, in point of Discretion, to have summoned them, (and even that at first) on board his own Ship, and there confined them, and placed their first Lieutenants in their Rooms, who would have fought well, were it for no other Reason than the Hopes of being continued in those Commands had they survived.

Observation
of Mr. Ben-
bow's Con-
duct.

Vice-Admiral
Benbow dies,

and
Capt. Whet-
stone com-
mands the
Squadron.

The fourth of *November* the Vice-Admiral died, the Pain which he laboured under, and his Uneasiness for other Misfortunes, having for some time before thrown him into a deep Melancholy, so that the Command of the Squadron fell on Captain *Whetstone*, who had acted before as Rear-Admiral. He made what Dispatch he could in putting the Ships into a Condition for the Sea, and then leaving Part of them for Security of the Island, he cruised with the Remainder upon the North and South Sides of *Hispaniola*, but could not get any other News of the Enemy, than that Monsieur *du Cass* with eight Ships of War had been for some time at the *Havanna*.

1703.
A Fire at
Port Royal.

I cannot here pass over a melancholy Accident; which is this. On the ninth of *February* a Fire broke out in the Town of *Port-Royal*, on the Island of *Jamaica*, which between Noon, and twelve at Night, laid the whole Place in Ashes; for little or nothing escaped the Fury of the Flames but the two Fortifications. Several of the Inhabitants were burnt, the major Part of their Stores and Goods destroyed, and what was saved was by the Industry of the Seamen. The Rear Admiral seeing them in this deplorable Condition, put forth a Declaration, and, as he thereby promised, entertained, and relieved many of them on board her Majesty's Ships, till such time as they could be otherwise provided for.

The Beginning of *February* the Ship *Goffart* arrived at *Jamaica* from *New-England* with a small Supply of Provisions, and when the Rear-Admiral had taken on board the Company of Soldiers which Governor *Dudley* had raised in that Colony, and sent by her, he dispatched her back to *Boston* to follow the said Governor's Orders.

C H A P. VI.

Containing an Account of Sir William Whetstone's, Captain Hovenden Walker's, and Vice-Admiral Graydon's Proceedings in the West-Indies.

I Should indeed, according to Course of Time, have given you an Account, e'er now, of what happened nearer Home, and of Sir *George Rooke's* Expedition, with a Fleet of *English* and *Dutch* Ships to *Cadiz*; but, for my former Reasons, I will first bring this *West-India* Squadron to *England*, and those which were sent to join them. Let it therefore suffice, at present, that I acquaint you, Sir *George Rooke*, in his Return from *Cadiz*, did (pursuant to Orders he received from her Majesty, dated the seventh of *June 1702*) direct Captain *Hovenden Walker** of the *Burford*, to proceed with that Ship, and five more Third Rates, together with ten Transports, to *Barbadoes*, and there, or in some of the *Leeward-Islands*, to disembark the four Regiments, amounting to near four thousand Men, which were on board the said Transports and the Men of War. He was directed to continue in those Parts, and for the Defence of the Island of *Jamaica*, till farther Orders; and, for the better enabling him so to do, to advise from time to time with the respective Governours of those Islands and Plantations.

1702.
Sir George
Rooke de-
taches Cap-
tain Walker
with a Squa-
dron to the
West-Indies.

He lay off of Cape *St. Vincent* two Nights, and as many Days, taking in Provisions from the victualling Ships, and would have touched at *Maderas* for Water, had he not been prevented by hard Gales of Wind, which obliged him to bear away for the Cape *de Verde* Islands, where he arrived the twenty fourth of *October*, and furnished himself with Refreshments. Sailing from thence the fourteenth of the next Month, he first reached *Barbadoes*, and proceeded from thence the Beginning of *January* towards the *Leeward-Islands*, pursuant to Orders which he received from *England* by the *Edgar*, *Anglesey*, and *Sunderland*, which Ships brought with them Recruits of Land-Forces, as well as Stores and Provisions for the Ships in those Parts, and the two first were immediately dispatched by him to General *Codrington*, with such Instructions and Letters as they had carried for him from hence.

While he lay at *Barbadoes* there came into the Road a *French* Vessel with a Flag of Truce, which he caused to be seized, as were part of her Men also on Shore, who being tried at a Court Martial, one of them was condemned to die, for it plainly appeared that they came thither as Spies. The chief Occasion of this Resort of *French* Vessels to *Barbadoes*, was the Cartel that Island had made with *Martinica* for the Exchange of Prisoners, and by that means there were not only Opportunities found for carrying on a collu-

A French
Spy condemn-
ed at Barba-
does.

*Afterwards a Flag Officer.

five Trade, but of giving the Enemy Intelligence of our Proceedings. Many Privateers were also fitted out from the Island, for which the Government took Men from the Merchant Ships, and sent many more from the Shore, infomuch that the Squadron wanted the Service of them; and indeed their Wants were very considerable, for the Distempers incident to those Parts had swept away great Numbers.

There arrived very luckily in *Barbadoes* Road six of our *East India* Ships, very richly loaden, and Mr. *Walker* considering how necessary it was that they should be safely conducted Home as soon as it was possible, he, with the Advice of the Captains with him, agreed to send the *Expedition* as their Convoy, a Third Rate Ship commanded by Captain *Knapp*, with whom they safely came to *England*.

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The nineteenth of *January* Vice-Admiral *Graydon*, then of the White Squadron, was appointed Commander in Chief of the Ships in the *West-Indies*, and had the following Instructions for his Government in that Expedition, *viz.*

Vice-Admiral
Graydon's In-
structions for
commanding
in the West-
Indies.

First, To sail to *Plimouth* in the *Sheerness*, a Fifth Rate, and from thence to *Barbadoes* with her, the *Resolution* and *Blackwall*, the former a Third and the other a Fourth Rate. There he was to take under his Command the aforementioned Ships with Captain *Walker*, and such others as he should find at that Place; but if they were failed from thence, to repair to *Nevis*, or any other of the Plantations where they might be met with, and thence to proceed in such manner as should be found most for the Service, upon its being considered at a Council of War of the Sea Captains, and the Chief, and other proper Officers of the Land-Forces; and if he attempted any thing in the *Leeward-Islands* that might occasion his making any considerable Stay there, he was to send a Frigate to Rear-Admiral *Whetstone*, with Orders to get himself ready, in all respects, to sail against his Arrival at *Jamaica*.

Secondly, He was not to stay longer in attempting any of the *French* Plantations than the twentieth of *May*, and then (or before, if possible,) to proceed with all the Ships of War, and the Transport Ships with Soldiers, Ammunition, and Stores, and such Forces as the Commander in Chief of the Land Forces should appoint, to *Port-Royal* in *Jamaica*; and this he was forthwith to do, if he found that Captain *Walker*, with the Ships and Troops, had done what they were able against the said *French* Plantations, and gone to *Jamaica* before he arrived.

Thirdly, When he came to that Island he was to put the Ships of War, and other Ships and Vessels, into the best, and most speedy Condition for their return Home; to cause to be received on board them so many Land-Soldiers as the Commander in Chief should desire, and to bring also to *England* such Prisoners as should be taken during the Expedition.

Fourthly, He was to consider what two Ships of the Fourth Rate, one of the Fifth, and another of the Sixth, might be most properly left

left at *Jamaica*, and accordingly to leave them there, with the Fire-ships provided by the Inhabitants for the Defence of the Island.

Fifthly, Three other Ships he was to send with the Trade bound from *Jamaica* to *England*, as soon, as they should be ready to sail; and he was ordered to leave two at the said Island, to bring Home the latter Trade the Beginning of *August*.

Sixthly, Besides these Detachments, he was to send two fourth Rates to *Virginia*, to joyn some others at that Place, and to accompany the Trade from thence to *England* at the Time prefixed for their Departure.

Seventhly, This being done, he was with the rest of the Squadron, and all the Transport Ships with Soldiers, Victuallers, Store-ships, and others, to make the best of his way to *Newfoundland* but to leave at *Jamaica* the Hulk and Stores for the use of such Ships as might be sent thither.

Eighthly, when he came to *Newfoundland* he was to consider at a Council of War, of Sea and Land Officers, how the *French* might be best attempted and destroyed at *Placentia*, with the Assistance of the Land Forces, as well as at their other Settlements in those Parts, and to govern himself accordingly; and if he found that any of the Ships could be conveniently spared to attack the *French* Fishery on the *Bank*, he was to send them on that Service. But he was yet farther enjoined to repair to *Boston* in *New England*, if he judged, when he sailed from *Jamaica*, he should be too early at *Newfoundland*, and to take from that Government such Soldiers as it might be able to furnish, provided they could get Embarkations timely ready, not only to transport the said Soldiers to *Newfoundland*, but back again.

Ninthly, When he had done his utmost at *Newfoundland*, and on the *Bank*, he was to appoint two Ships to convey the Fishing Vessels bound to *Portugal*, but to caution their Captains not to go into any Port, until they were thoroughly satisfied there was not a Rupture with that Crown; and having given these necessary Orders, he was to repair to *England* with the rest of the Squadron without Delay.

Notwithstanding Vice-Admiral *Graydon* was at first ordered to proceed from hence with only the *Resolution*, *Blackwall*, and *Sheerness*, (the latter whereof proved not fit for the Voyage) it was afterwards thought advisable to appoint the *Mountague* and *Nonsuch*, of 60 and 50 Guns, then at *Plimouth*, to accompany him one hundred and fifty Leagues into the Sea, which they did accordingly, and parted not till the twenty sixth of *March*, in the Latitude of 43^l, about one hundred and seventy Leagues West from the *Lizard*, but on the eighteenth of that Month, in the Latitude of 47^l and 30^m, they saw four *French* Ships of War to Leeward, two of about 60 Guns each, one of 50, and the other 40, which latter being not only the smallest, but the sternmost, the *Mountague* commanded by Captain *William Cleaveland* *, bore down to, and soon after engaged her. Hereupon the Vice-Admiral made the Signal for a Line of Battle, and consequently for the *Mountague's* coming off, but her Fore-top-Sail being shot in pieces the second Broadside she received

The Mountague engaged with a French Ship.

* *Since a Commodore of the Navy.*

from the Enemy, she could not tack so soon as otherwise might have been expected, infomuch that the other three *French* Ships wore and bearing down to the Ship that had been engaged, each of them fired her Broadside at the *Mountague*; but she being to Windward, and the Sea running high, as the *French* generally fire, in Hopes of wounding Masts, Yards, or Rigging, all their Shot flew over her, so that she received not any considerable Damage. The *French* Ships (which now made the best of their Way from ours) were foul, for they were part of the Squadron under Command of Monsieur *du Casse*, with which Vice-Admiral *Benbow* engaged in the *West-Indies*; and (as 'twas reported) were very rich.

Vice-Admiral
Graydon or-
dered not to
chase,
and
For what Rea-
sons.

Considering what Strength Vice-Admiral *Graydon* had with him, it occasioned many Reflections, not only upon the Score of the *Mountague's* bearing down singly, but his not endeavouring to engage the Enemy himself; wherefore I think it necessary to inform you, that when it was designed he should proceed with the *Resolution* and *Blackwall* only, he had positive Orders from his Royal Highness the Prince of *Denmark*, Lord High-Admiral, not to interrupt his Passage by chasing or speaking with any Ships whatever, nor even to hoist his Flag till such time as he joined the Squadron in the *West-Indies*, or a considerable part thereof; and these Orders were not contradicted when the other two Ships were appointed to accompany him into the Sea. It is likewise to be considered, that he carried with him the immediate Orders by which the whole *West-India* Squadron, and the Forces were to move, as also the necessary Supplies of Stores and Provisions, in Transport Ships taken up for that Purpose; wherefore although the Booty might have been very considerable had these *French* Ships been taken, yet, on the other hand, had he engaged, and been unluckily disabled, and, for that Reason, forced back to *England* to refit, the Service whereon he was going might have been very much hinder'd, if not wholly disappointed: Besides, had he taken these Ships of the Enemy's, he must have come to *England* with them, for otherwise he could not have secured the Prisoners, and have put them in a sailing Condition; and had he chased them any considerable time before he came up with them, (which in all Probability he must have done) his Convoys would have been exposed to the last Degree, for it was altogether impossible for them to have kept him Company.

1703
Rear-Admiral
Whetstone goes out
to cruise.

Before any farther Account came of him, or from Captain *Walker* of his Proceedings in the *Lceward Islands*, a Letter was received from Rear-Admiral *Whetstone*, who (as I have already said) was at the Head of the Ships in the *West-Indies*, which Letter was dated from *Jamaica* the fourteenth of *April*. He sailed from thence about the middle of *February*, and being informed, on the Coast of *Hispaniola*, that there was expected in those Parts from *France* a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships, he cruised on both Sides of the Island in Hopes of meeting them. After he had unsuccessfully spent five Weeks time on this Service, he looked into Port *Louis*, but not finding any thing there, stood away for *Petit-Guavas* and *Logane*; and knowing in Vice-Admiral *Benbow's* time, that when

our Ships appeared on the one Side, the Enemy made their Escape from the other, he divided his Squadron, one part whereof he sent Southward, and proceeded himself Westward with the rest. When the first Part of the Squadron came in Sight, three Privateers which were in every respect ready for Service, stood away Northward, but the Rear-Admiral forcing two of them ashore, burnt them, and the other he took. Captain *Vincent*, who commanded to the Southward, rowed in the Night into a Place called the *Cue*, where he found four Ships, one of which he burnt, another he sunk, the third (which was a Confort of the Privateers aforementioned) he towed out, and boarding the fourth, she was blown up by the accidental firing of a Granadoe Shell.

Takes and destroys some of the Enemy's Ships.

From this Place the Rear-Admiral sailed to *Port de Paix*, but found no Shipping there, for the beforementioned Privateers were all that the Enemy had in those Parts, with which, and five hundred Men, they designed to have made an Attempt on the North Side of *Jamaica*, and in these Ships were taken one hundred and twenty Prisoners.

Captain *Walker* was from the third to the eighteenth of *February* in his Passage from *Barbadoes* to *Antegoa*, and when he arrived there, he found the Land-Forces had no Ammunition, and that unless he stopt the Victualling Ships bound to *Jamaica*, there would not have been Provisions sufficient to have enabled them to make any Attempt. At the Desire of Colonel *Codrington*, General of the *Leeward-Islands*, he supplied the Forces with Powder, but it was not a little surprizing, that among the great Number of Flints they had on board, there were not, as he represented, fifty in a thousand fit for Muskets; nor was there any Provision made of Mortars, Bombs, Pick-axes, Spades, or any thing indeed, proper and convenient for a Siege.

Capt. Walker arrives at the Leeward-Islands.

He sailed from *Antegoa* the latter End of *February*, and the Squadron, as well as the Forces, being got together the ninth of the following Month, in a Bay at the North End of *Guadalupe*, a small Party of Men were put on shore without any Opposition, but came on board again when they had burnt some Plantations and Houfés. Next Day he anchored in another Bay nearer the Town, and on the the twelfth of *March*, in the Morning, a considerable Part of the Forces landed upon *Guadalupe*, under Command of the General, who were so warmly received by the *French*, that several of our Officers and Men were killed and wounded; but the Commadore ordering one of the Ships, named the *Chichestre*, to fire upon some Batteries the Enemy had between our Forces and the Town, they soon after quitted them, which our Men after they had got Footing, possessed themselves of.

Our Troops are repulsed at Guadalupe.

Next Day the rest of the Soldiers, and four hundred Seamen from the Ships were put on shore, and then the General made himself Master of the North Part of the Town, but the Enemy retired to a Castle and Fort, which commanded the most Part thereof.

They land a Garrison.

Some Cannon and proper Ammunition were put on shore the fifteenth, in order to the raising Batteries against the Fort and Castle,

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which

The French
blow up the
Castle and
Fort.

which the Enemy kept Possession of until the second of *April*; but then two of the Frigates being ordered to ply their Guns upon them, and their Line of Communication and Trenches; and the Castle being already much shattered by our Batteries, they blew it up the next Morning, together with their Fort, and retired into the Woods and Mountains, where they looked on themselves to be in greatest Safety; for as they were inaccessible for an Army, so could not any thing oblige them to surrender but want of Provisions.

General Co-
drington re-
turns to Ne-
vis.

After this there was but very little done more than the sending out Parties to burn the Country, and to bring in Cartel, which were much wanted; for all the while the Army was on shore, which was two Months, they were supplied with Provisions from the Ships, so that the Men were at short Allowance from the latter end of *April*. It was then that General *Codrington* returned to *Nevis*, having been for some time very much indisposed; and soon after Colonel *Whetham* (who was dangerously ill) took his Passage in the *Burford* to *Antegoa*, which Ship carried also thither three Companies of Soldiers, and the Guns taken from the Enemy at *Guadalupe*. Colonel *Wills* had now the Command of the Land-Forces on shore, and a Council of War being held of the Sea and Land-Officers, it was agreed that the Troops should embark the seventh of *May*, and accordingly they were all on board that Morning by three a Clock, the Retreat being made without the Loss of a Man. The Enemy's Town was burnt to the Ground, all their Fortifications demolished, and their Guns either brought off or burst ashore: And considering the Circumstances our Troops were in, there was a Necessity for retreating, the *French* having, some Days before, conveyed about nine hundred Men from *Martinica* to *Dominica*, and from thence to *Guadalupe*.

Colonel Wills
commanded
the Troops.

The Town on
Guadalupe
burnt, and
the Fortifica-
tions demo-
lished.

In this Undertaking there was no Assistance to be got of Pilots, and the Road before *Guadalupe* was so exceeding bad, that several of the Ships lost their Anchors, for the Ground was foul, and the Water very deep, so that one or other was daily forced out to Sea: And never did any Troops enterprize a thing of this Nature with more Uncertainty, and under so many Difficulties, for they had neither Guides, or any thing else which was necessary.

The Forces being embarked, the Squadron pass'd by *Monserat* the eighth of *May*, and after lying by until the Soldiers allotted for that Island were put on shore, the Commadore arrived at *Nevis* that Night, and from thence sent other Soldiers to *St. Christopher's*. In this Action there were Officers killed on our side one Major, two Captains, six Lieutenants, and wounded two Colonels, seven Captains, and nine Lieutenants; and two Colonels, four Lieutenants, and three Ensigns died. One hundred and fifty four Soldiers were killed, two hundred and eleven wounded, seventy two died, fifty nine deserted, and twelve were taken Prisoners.

1703.
Vice-Admiral
Graydon
arrives at
Barbadoes.

Vice-Admiral *Graydon*, beforemention'd, arrived at the Island of *Madera* the tenth of *April*, where he took in Water, and sailing the fourteenth, at Five in the Afternoon, came to *Barbadoes* the twelfth of *May*. He found there a Brigantine which had lately left

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Guadalupe, and being informed by her Master that the Seamen and Soldiers, with Captain *Walker's* Squadron, were at half Allowance of Provisions, he applied himself to the Agent-Victualler, and being furnished with what Beef, Pork, Bread, and Pease could be procured, he sailed the seventeenth. The twentieth he ran in so close with the Fort and Town of *Guadalupe*, as that he had a plain sight of the Ruins, when stretching away for *Antegoa*, he met the Sloop which he had sent with Notice of his Arrival; and coming into *Nevis* Road the twenty third, there he found the Squadron and Army in very great want of Provisions, which he supplied in the best manner he could, to enable them to accompany him to *Jamaica*.

Comes to the Leeward-Islands.

Leaving *Nevis* the twenty fifth of *May*, and arriving at *Jamaica* the fourth of next Month, he ordered a Survey to be immediately taken of the Condition of all the Ships with him, which (generally speaking) proved to be very defective, not only in their Hulls, but also in their Masts, Stores, and Rigging, nor were they in a better Condition as to Men. There were no more Stores than what had been sent thither in a Brigantine, and among them but five Suits of Sails, one for a Third Rate, two for a Fourth, one for a Fifth, and one for a Sixth; and this was the more unfortunate, because five of the Ships which Sir *George Rooke* sent with Captain *Walker* were not fitted for Service in the *West-Indies*, and consequently wanted much more than they could be furnished with there.

Vice-Admiral Graydon arrives at Jamaica.

The Ships in a bad Condition.

These Difficulties, as well as Misunderstandings between him and some of the chief Persons of *Jamaica*, induced him to make all possible Dispatch in putting the Squadron into a Condition of returning to *England*, pursuant to the Instructions he had received; and then leaving the *Norwich*, *Experiment*, *Seaborse*, and *Harman* and *Earl Gally* Fireships, together with the *St. Antonio*, and *Recovery* Sloops, to attend on the Island, and the *Colchester* and *Sunderland* to convoy home the latter Trade, he sailed the twenty first of *June* for *Blewfields*, the most convenient Place for watering the Ships, and proceeding from thence, fell in with *Cape Pine*, in *Newfoundland*, the second of *August*.

He comes to Newfoundland.

When he had got through the Gulf, it was agreed by himself and the General-Officers to send away the *Tryal* Sloop for Intelligence to Captain *Richards*, who commanded at *St. John's* in *Newfoundland*, and for Pilots for *Placentia*, as also to desire that he would come himself, not only to advise, and assist, as an Engineer, but with some necessary Stores, which though he readily complied with, yet could he not get on board until the twenty second of *August* in *St. Mary's* Bay; for on the fourth of that Month there came on a very great Fog, which, to Admiration, continued thirty Days, so that it was difficult to discern one Ship from another, insomuch that it was found necessary to lie by, since they judged themselves clear of the Land. Herein they were deceived by the Current, for they not only saw the Land about Ten at Night under their Lee, but found themselves embayed, and the Ships, which had lost many Sails were not able to get out that Night; besides, the *Defiance*, (a Ship
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of 70 Guns) was without a Main-mast, and therefore they put for, and with Difficulty got safe into a Harbour to Leeward of them called *St Mary's*.

But by reason of the Fog the Squadron was so dispersed that they joined not again until the third of *September*, and then a Council of War was called, where were present the Vice-Admiral himself, Rear-Admiral *Whetstone*, and thirteen Sea-Captains; and of the Land-Officers, Colonel *Rivers*, (who commanded in Chief) six Captains, and an Engineer. They took into Consideration her Majesty's Instructions to Brigadier-General *Collebmeine*, (who died some time before) and thote from the Admiralty to Mr. *Graydon*, and finding the Ships in a very ill Condition as to their Hulls, Masts, Sails, standing and running Rigging, and Ground-Tackle; that they wanted many Men, and that even those they had were very sickly and weak; that they were at short Allowance of Provisions; that the Soldiers, by drinking Water in so cold a Climate, were not only benumm'd in their Limbs, but subjected to Fluxes and Scurvies; that the five Regiments were reduced to one thousand and thirty five Men; that the five hundred Soldiers they should have had from *New-England* were at first but seventy, and now no more than twenty five, and all of them unfit for Service; and that by the best Accounts from *Placentia*, the Enemy were not only superior in Number, and consequently able to make a good Resistance; but that the Avenues to the Place were extremely difficult, the Grounds spongy, and no Planks, or other Materials, for mounting the Guns on the Batteries. These Difficulties and Obstructions being maturely considered, together with the good Circumstances the Enemy were in, and the Assistance they might have from the Privateers, and other Shipping then at *Placentia*, the Council of War were unanimously of opinion, that to make any Attempt on that Place with the Ships and Forces at such a Season of the Year, was altogether impracticable, and that instead of any Probability of Success, it might tend to the Dishonour of her Majesty's Arms.

Agreed not to attempt *Placentia*.

Next Day the Vice-Admiral sent five of his Ships to cruise off of *Cape Race*, and sailed soon after to the Bay of *Bulls* to make up the Fleet; which being done, he took his Departure for *England* the twenty fourth of *September*.

The Vice-Admiral leaves *Newfoundland*.

He met with very bad Weather in his Passage, insomuch that on the fourth of *October* six of the Ship's Main-throuds broke, and her Main-mast being sprung, he was constrained to bear away to save it, which occasioned his separating from the rest of the Fleet; but joining Rear-Admiral *Whetstone*, and six Sail more, on the fourteenth, he found them all in a miserable Condition; and the *Boyne*, where he was himself, not only made six Feet Water a Watch, but was much disabled in her Rigging; however he and the Rear-Admiral got safe into the *Downs* the twenty second of *October*, and with them only the *Stromboli* Fireship; for as he had, before he left *Newfoundland*, appointed the *Canterbury*, *Bonadventure*, and *Sorlings*, to convoy the Fish-Ships to *Portugal*, so did he, when he came near the Coast of *Ireland*, order the *Resolution*, *Yarmouth*, *Edgar*,

Our Squadron much disabled in their Passage home.

Edgar, and *Windſor*, to conduct the Transport-Ships to that Kingdom, with what Officers and Men remained of the four Regiments.

The other Ships of the Squadron put in ſome at one Port, and ſome at another, and indeed it was the greateſt good Fortune, conſidering their Condition, the Season of the Year, and their Weakneſs, as to Men, that they all arrived ſafe in *England*. Thus ended an Expedition, wherein no inconfiderable part of the Navy of *England* was employed, and many of them from the time that Vice-Admiral *Benbow* proceeded to the *West-Indies*, which was in *November 1698*.

I wiſh I could, by ſumming up the whole, make any tolerable Comparison between the Service this Squadron did the Nation, and the Expence which attended it, and, which is far more valuable, the Lives of many good Officers, Seamen, and Soldiers: But ſince I have already given a full Account of all the Benefits which aroſe from this tedious Expedition, I ſhall leave the Reader to judge, whether it could, in any Degree, turn to Account, to ſuffer a ſtrong Squadron of Ships to lie ſo long in the *West-Indies*, without a real Proſpect of any conſiderable Service from them, eſpecially when other neceſſary occaſions very often required their being much nearer home, and too often ſuffered for want of them.

Observation on the Expedition to the West-Indies.

CHAP. VII.

The Earl of Pembroke, Lord High-Admiral, ſends a ſmall Squadron to bring the Effects of the Engliſh Merchants from Cadiz, upon Suſpicion of a War: With the then Naval Preparations of the French.

BEfore I proceed farther, ſuffer me to inform you, that his Majesty revoking the Letters-Patents to the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, appointed *Thomas Earl of Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, Lord High Admiral of *England* and *Ireland*, and of all his foreign Plantations; a Perſon who, beſides the Honour which he derives from his noble Anceſtors, is Maſter of many extraordinary Virtues. His Lordſhip at the beginning, and towards the end of the laſt War, preſided at the Board of Admiralty, when it was in Commiſſion, where, as well as in the Office of Privy-Seal, his Tranſactions as one of the Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty of Peace at *Ryſwick*, and in that honourable Poſt of Preſident of his Majesty's Council, (from which he was called to that of High-Admiral, and to which he returned) he gave remarkable Inſtances of his Zeal to the Publick Service.

Earl of Pembroke appointed Lord-High-Admiral.

No sooner did this noble Lord enter on his important Trust, than he diligently applied himself to the Execution of it, and in such a manner as might most conduce not only to the Good of the Nation in general, but to the Trade, both at home and abroad, in particular, wherein he had the good Fortune to give a general Satisfaction; but he continued not a full Year in this Employment, for King *William* dying, and Queen *Anne* succeeding to the Throne, her Majesty was pleased to constitute to that great and troublesome Office, her Royal Consort, Prince *George* of *Denmark*, to assist him wherein he was empower'd under the Great Seal to appoint such Persons as he judged most proper to be his Council; and on the Death of his Highness, the Earl of *Pembroke* (who had been some time before Lord Lieutenant of the Kingdom of *Ireland*) was recalled to the Office of Lord High-Admiral, which he held not altogether so long as he had done before; for in less than twelve Months time it was put into Commission, his Lordship desiring to resign, foreseeing insupportable Difficulties, by reason not only of the great Arrear of Wages then due to the Seamen, but in many other Particulars.

Prince George constituted Lord High-Admiral.

It being thought that a War would suddenly break out, his Lordship consider'd how the Effects of our Merchants at *Cadiz*, but more especially what should be brought thither by the Fleet from *New-Spain*, might be in the best manner secured, and thereupon appointed three Frigates, the beginning of *November*, to proceed under the Command of Captain *Edmund Loades*, to take those Effects on board, and bring them to *England*; but he was cautioned not to go in, but only to cruise between Cape *St. Mary's* and Cape *Spartell*, until he should be certainly informed that the *Flota* were arrived in the Bay of *Cadiz*, nor even then to go in, if a Rupture happened, but rather to lie in a proper Station, if the Merchants found they could send their Money to him by *Barcalongos*, or other small Embarkations.

1701.

Some Ships sent to Cadiz to bring home the Merchants Effects.

If this could not be done, he was so to place the Ships under his Command, as that they might most probably meet with the Convoys coming with Mr. *Graydon* from *Newfoundland*; and if he had notice that any Number of *French* Ships were cruising about Cape *St. Vincent*, he was to endeavour to keep Westward of them, and not only to give Mr. *Graydon* notice thereof, but to deliver unto him Orders, whereby he was directed to consult with the Masters of the Ships under his Convoy, and then to see the Trade to some Port on this side the Mouth of the Streights, or home, if that should be judged most proper; and for their greater Security, Captain *Loades* was ordered to accompany them with the Ships under his Command, in case they came home, but if they put into any Port of *Portugal*, or proceeded up the Streights, he was then to make the best of his way to *England*.

Instructions to the ships sent to Cadiz.

Nevertheless, if the Merchants judged they could send to him their Effects, and, for that reason, should desire him to lie in a convenient Station, or to come into the Bay of *Cadiz*, he was to do it with two of the Ships under his Command, and to send the third

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to look out for, and give the beforemention'd Notice to the Commander of the *Newfoundland* Convoy; and since it was uncertain whether War might be declared before he came home, he was ordered, if it so happened, to endeavour to take, sink, or destroy any of the Ships of *France* or *Spain* which he might happen to meet with.

At this time her Majesty had at *Cadiz* a considerable Quantity of Naval Stores, which Captain *Loades* was ordered to bring home, together with the Store-keeper at that Place, but not being able to take on board the whole, there was a Necessity of selling the rest to the *Spaniards* much under their real Value; and soon after this, a Ship was sent to take out of the Bay of *Cadiz* the two Hulks made use of the last War for careening our Ships, and left there upon concluding the Peace, that so neither the *French*, nor *Spaniards*, might have the Advantage of them. This Service was effectually performed, for they were put into a Condition to sail, in order, as it was given out, to be brought to *England*; but since it was not possible to bring them home, by reason they were cut down so very low, the Captain of the Frigate sunk them at a convenient Distance from the Port of *Cadiz*, as his Instructions required him to do.

The Hulks and Stores brought from Cadiz.

Captain *Loades* sailed with the Ships under his Command on the aforementioned Service, and the nineteenth of *October 1701* came to his intended Station six Leagues S. S. E. from Cape *St. Mary's*, meeting Mr. *Graydon* some few Days after, with his Convoys from *Newfoundland*, to whom he deliver'd the Instructions which he carried out for him.

Capt. Loades his proceeding to and from Cadiz.

Not many Days after, he was constrained, by a strong Westerly Wind, to anchor in the Bay of *Bulls*, the Road to the City of *Cadiz*, and though the *English* Merchants, both there and at Port *St. Mary's*, were very well satisfied with the care that was taken of them, yet had they no considerable Effects to send home. While he lay here, three *French* Flag-ships in the Bay of *Cadiz* made the Signal for weighing, whereupon all our Frigates stood out to Sea, to prevent an Intult, and cruising until the seventh of *November*, they returned to the Bay of *Bulls*, the aforesaid Flags being still in the Port; but Captain *Loades* believing they would sail with the fresh Easterly Wind which then blew, stood out to Sea again.

Three Flag-Ships in the Bay of Cadiz.

These Flag-Officers sailed four Days after, with about twenty six Ships more, and stood Westward, upon which our Frigates returned to the Bay of *Bulls* the next Day, and remaining there till the sixteenth of *December*, Captain *Loades* having first acquainted the Factory that his want of Provisions would oblige him to sail by the beginning of *January*, at farthest, he came for *England*, when each of the three Ships under his Command had taken in upwards of sixty thousand Pieces of Eight, most of which was upon account of the Old and New *East-India* Companies, but more especially the former, for Money was at that time so scarce at *Cadiz*, that the Merchants could spare but very little until such time as the *Flota* arrived.

The Number
of French
Ships at Ca-
diz.

The Count *D'Estrées* had lain all the Summer above the *Puntals* with twenty three *French* Ships from 100 to 50 Guns, and the latter end of *October* he was joined by Monsieur *Chateau Renault* from *Lisbon*, with fourteen more, from 50 to 80; besides which there were eight *Fireships*, four *Bomb-Vessels*, and several Ships with Stores and Provisions, making in all about seventy Sail.

Count D'E-
strées sailed
for Thoulon.

The first of *November* the said Count *D'Estrées* sailed for *Thoulon* with seven Men of War, all of them, except one, having three Decks, and she mounted about 50 Guns. He carried with him four *Bomb-Vessels*, and as many *Fireships*, besides *Storeships*, and *Victuallers*, and in this Squadron was transported from *Cadiz*, *Gibraltar*, and *Malaga*, one thousand five hundred *Spanish* Soldiers, designed (as was reported) from *Thoulon* to *Naples*.

Monsieur
Chateau Re-
nault com-
mands at Ca-
diz.

In the Absence of Count *D'Estrées*, Monsieur *Chateau Renault* commanded in Chief, with a Vice-Admiral's Flag, Monsieur *Nesmond* bore that of a Rear-Admiral, and there were two other Flags flying with Swallow Tails, one of which was Monsieur *De Relingue*. The Number of *French* Ships then in the Bay were about thirty, of which four had three Decks, the rest of 56, 60, and 76 Guns, and as five of them were preparing for a long Voyage, according to their manner of victualling, so it was judged they were designed for the *West-Indies*, not only to secure the *Havana*, but to bring from thence the *Galleons*.

The care ta-
ken by the
French to get
Advice of our
Fleet.

During Count *D'Estrées's* stay at *Cadiz* he employed Advice-Boats almost every Week, and sometimes oftner, not only to bring him Intelligence from *France*, but of the Motions of our Fleet in the Channel, and of the Number and Strength of the Ships going with Sir *George Rooke* from *Spithead*; nay such Industry was used in this Affair, that he had Advice by one of those Vessels of our Fleet's sailing, by another of their putting into *Torbay*; a third brought him an Account of their Departure from thence, and another of their being twenty Leagues out of the Chanel: By a fifth he knew when Sir *George Rooke* parted from Vice-Admiral *Benbow*, (of whose Proceedings I have already given an Account) nor did he want Intelligence by another, when he returned into the Chanel; nor took they less care to inform themselves how Vice Admiral *Benbow* steer'd his Course, from time to time, towards the *West-Indies*. Besides, the aforementioned *French* Ships in the Bay of *Cadiz*, there were the *Spanish* Admiral and Vice-Admiral, and great Preparations were making to put all of them into a Condition for the Sea.

CHAP. VIII.

Sir John Munden's Proceedings for intercepting a Squadron of French Ships bound to the Groyne, and thence to the West-Indies.

THE Earl of *Nottingham*, Principal Secretary of State, receiving certain Advice that there were raised in the Kingdom of *Spain* about two thousand Men, and that they were designed for the *West-Indies* with the Duke of *Albuquerque*, who (as hath been already said) was going from *Audalusia*, where he had been Vice-Roy to reside in the same Quality in *Mexico*, and that it was determined he should be at the *Groyne* on or about the eighth Day of *May*, New Style, where the Soldiers were to embark when the Shipping arrived, which were either to take on board, or give Convoy to the Forces, and the intercepting of them being esteemed of very great Consequence to our Affairs, the Earl of *Pembroke* (according to what was debated and agreed at the Cabinet Council) sent Orders to *Sir John Munden*, Rear-Admiral of the Red, the fifth of *May*, to make choice of such eight Ships of the Third Rate at *Spithead*, as he judged most proper for this Service, together with two Fire-ships, and immediately to man them out of other Ships there, and in *Portsmouth* Harbour, so as to put them in a Condition for Service. When he had done this, he was with the very first Opportunity of a Wind to repair with them to such Station off of the *Groyne* where he might receive the most speedy Intelligence of the Enemy's Proceedings.

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His Instructions.

If he gained certain Advice that they were at the *Groyne*, or in any Port thereabouts, he was ordered to use his best Endeavours to destroy them, and having done his utmost, to return without loss of time into the *Soundings*, for the Security of the Trade, until he received farther Orders. But if he found the *French* Ships were not arrived at the *Groyne*, he was to cruise off of Cape *Finisterre*, and between the aforelaid Port and that Cape (according to the Advices he might receive, and as Winds and Weather should happen) in such manner as might give him best Opportunities of intercepting them, either in their Passage to the *Groyne*, or from thence towards the *West-Indies*: But he was particularly caution'd so to dispose of the Ships under his Command, as might best prevent his being discovered from the Shore, lest any Umbrage might be taken of his Design.

In this manner he was to cruise so long as he had any Prospect of doing Service upon the Enemy, or until he received farther Orders; but if he found the Ships and Forces were gone from the *Groyne* towards the *West-Indies*, and that there was not any Probability of coming up with them, he was forthwith to return into the *Soundings*, and there cruise in a convenient Station, but to send a Frigate to *Plimouth* with an Account of his Proceedings, and of

the Station he made choice of, that so Orders might be with more Certainty dispatched to him.

Sir *John Munden* coming to *Portsmouth*, he enquired into the Condition of the Ships, and found he could not sail with the eight Third Rates in less than a Week's time; wherefore, since the Service was of Importance, and that consequently all possible Diligence ought to be used therein, he was empower'd by the Lord High-Admiral to take some of the Second Rates at *Spithead*, instead of Thirds, provided they were in a greater Readiness, but the Strength was to be equal to what was at first ordered, in case all the Third Rates could not proceed with him; and although there was not above two Months Provisions on board them, he was not permitted to make any stay on that account, but required to proceed without a farther Supply, having liberty to add to the Squadron any Ship of the Fourth or Fifth Rate at *Spithead* that was not under immediate Orders.

But notwithstanding those Directions, it was recommended to him, if he found he could not immediately get ready a greater Strength than what might be equivalent to five Ships of the Third Rate, to proceed even with them, and leave Orders for the others to follow him.

The twelfth Day of *May* he was clear of the Land, and had with him eight Ships of the Third Rate, a Fourth Rate, called the *Salisbury*, and two small Frigates, and then, and not before, he communicated to the several Captains the Service whereon he was going, which had indeed been kept more private than oftentimes Matters of this Importance are, for it was not known to any but the Lords of the Cabinet Council, the Lord High-Admiral, and my self, as I had the Honour to be his Lordship's Secretary.

The sixteenth he was got about four hundred Miles, South, 18^d. West, from the *Lizard*, and he had no sooner made the Land of *Gallicia*, than he sent the *Salisbury* and *Dolphin* into the Shore for Intelligence, himself coming next Day to the appointed Rendezvous, N. W. about fifteen Leagues from Cape *Prior*, where he consulted with the Captains, by whom it was agreed to stand so near in as that they might plainly make the *Groyne*, which he did about Four in the Afternoon, and then stood off again for the Rendezvous.

The *Dolphin* and *Salisbury* not returning so soon as was expected, a Council of War, held the eighteenth, determined to bear away for Cape *Finisterre*, in order to meet them; and they joining the Squadron on the twenty second, brought a Prize from *Martinica*, but having not gained any Intelligence, it was agreed to return off of the *Groyne*, and to get Advice of the Enemy, if possible.

The twenty fifth at Night he sent in a Smack, with the *Salisbury* and *Dolphin*, and the next Morning they brought off a *Spanish* Boat, and a *French* Bark with several Prisoners, who reported, that there were thirteen *French* Ships of War bound from *Rochelle* to the *Groyne*. Hereupon Sir *John* carried a press'd Sail, the better to enable him to get to Windward, in order to his intercepting them,

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if possible, before they could harbour themselves; and on the twenty seventh he communicated his Design to all the Captains, that so they might get their Ships in an immediate Readiness for Battel.

Early the next Morning he discovered fourteen Sail between Cape *Prior*, and Cape *Ortegal*, close under the Shore, and instantly gave them chase, for he was well assured that they were the Enemy; but they outsailling him very much, got into the *Groyne* before he could possibly come up to attack them, wherefore he called the Captains together, who took into Consideration,

Sir John Munden discovers the French Ships. They get into the Groyne.

1. The Intelligence from a Person who belonged to a *French Merchant Ship*, from *Rochelle*, and some *Spaniards* taken from the Shore, the former affirming, that when he came from *Rochelle*, he left there twelve Ships of War in the Road, ready to sail to the *Groyne* with the first fair Wind, that one of them had 70 Guns, one 50, and all the rest 60, and that the *Faulcon* (a Fourth Rate taken from us the last War) was going thither before them.

2. That the *Spaniards* were very positive the Duke of *Albuquerque* was at the *Groyne* with two thousand Soldiers, and that there were already in that Port three *French Ships* of War of 50 Guns each, and twelve more expected from *Rochelle*.

And since both these Accounts so well agreed, and that it was judged there were seventeen Ships of War in the Port, that the Place was strongly fortified, and the Passage thereinto very difficult, it was unanimously determined that they could not be attempted there with any Probability of Success, and that by remaining in the Station they could not have any Prospect of doing Service; so that it was judged proper to repair into the *Soundings* for protecting the Trade, of which *Sir John Munden* sent an Account to the Lord High-Admiral by the *Edgar*, and ordered her forthwith to return to him into the Latitude of 49^d, 30^m, thirty Leagues without *Scilly*; but since the Water in the Squadron was near spent, and that the Ships had received Damage by bad Weather, it was resolved, the twentieth of *June*, to repair into Port to refit, and to supply themselves with what Necessaries they stood in need of; nor was Water and those Necessaries the only things wanting, for the nine Ships of the Line of Battel had at least thirteen hundred Men less than their highest Complements, (which in the whole amounted but to three thousand eight hundred and seventy) according to the Accounts taken thereof about the middle of *June* from each Ship when at Sea; so that by Calculation they had not above three parts of five of the Number allowed them according to the then Establishment.

Agreed not to attempt the Ships in the Groyne.

The Squadron returns to England.

This was a very unlucky Accident, but the same Misfortune might have happen'd to any other good Officer as well as *Sir John Munden*, who (to do him Justice) had, during his long Service in the Fleet, behaved himself with Zeal, Courage, and Fidelity; and although himself, and all the Captains in his Squadron, did unanimously conclude, that at least twelve of the fourteen Ships, which they chased into the *Groyne*, were Men of War, their Number agreeing exactly with the Intelligence from several Persons taken from the Shore, yet even in that case, it is reasonable to think that he would

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have given a very good Account of this Affair, could he possibly have come up with them; but it was afterwards known that there were no more than eight Ships of Force, the others being Transports for the Soldiers.

Sir John Munden try'd at a Court Martial, and honourably acquitted.

As things of this Nature occasion various Reports and Reflections, wherein many People do freely give their Opinions, without considering, or being able to judge of Circumstances; so was this attended with no little Clamour, inſomuch that it was thought necessary to have it thoroughly enquired into at a Court Martial; and accordingly his Royal Highneſs (who had ſome time before enter'd on the Office of Lord High-Admiral) gave his Orders for that purpoſe to Sir *Cloudeſly Shovell*, Admiral of the White, who ſummoning a Court at *Spit-head* the thirteenth of *July* 1702, where were preſent nineteen Captains, they took the ſeveral Articles exhibited againſt Sir *John Munden* under Examination, and came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

1. That having thoroughly inſpected into the Journals of the Captains, and other Officers of the Squadron, it appeared to them that Sir *John Munden* was no more than three Leagues from the Shore off of *Cape Prior*, at nine at Night, when he tack'd and ſtood off, and about ſeven Leagues at three in the Morning, when he tack'd again and ſtood in; and conſidering it was hazy Weather, that there was no anchoring on the Coaſt, and that *Cape Ortegal* (the Station to which he was deſigned) was a proper Place for intercepting the *French* Ships; and that he ordered Scouts in a convenient Station for giving him Notice of their appearing; the Court were of Opinion, that there was no Miſmanagement, or Failure of Duty in this particular.

2. Then they conſidered of the next Article, namely his not following the Ships into the *Groyne*, and endeavouring to deſtroy them when there; and having duly weigh'd the Motives that induced him, and the Captains, at their Conſultation, to deſiſt from attempting the Ships in that Harbour, they were of Opinion it was neither adviſeable, nor practicable, in regard of the Difficulties that muſt have been met with in coming in, and the Strength of the Place.

3. The next thing was his calling off the *Salisbury*, when engaged with a *French* Ship of War on the ſixteenth of *May*, and not ſending ſome other Ship or Ships to her Aſſiſtance. To this Sir *John* answered, that the Ship, which the *Salisbury* gave chaſe to, was ſtanding right in with his Squadron; and that therefore he had Hopes of her falling among them, which induced him to make the Signal for diſcontinuing the Chaſe; but that when he perceived the *Salisbury* was engaged, he ſtood to her Aſſiſtance with the whole Squadron, and continued ſo to do until they had made the Land, but not being able to come up with the Enemy's Ship, he purſued his Inſtructions, by keeping himſelf as much undiſcovered as he could; ſo that the Court judg'd him not blameable in this particular.

4. The next Article of Complaint was his ſetting on ſhore the Perſons taken in the *Spaniſh* Boat, for that otherwiſe they might have been exchanged for ſuch *Engliſh* as were under Confinement at the *Groyne*; but it appeared to the Court that thoſe who were

thus taken, were either Women, or indigent People, and no military Persons amongst them, and that therefore what he did herein was conformable to Practice in like Cases, and deserved no Reflection, or Blame.

In fine, the Court Martial, after they had maturely deliberated on all the Particulars of Complaint, were of Opinion that Sir *John Munden* had fully cleared himself of the whole Matters contained therein, and (as far as it appeared to them) not only comply'd with his Instructions, but behaved himself with great Zeal and Diligence.

C H A P. IX.

Containing the Establishment of six Marine Regiments, with some Observations thereupon.

HERE let me take up a little of your time, by acquainting you that her Majesty was pleased to establish six Marine Regiments; but they were put on a different Foot than those which were thought necessary at the Beginning, but discontinued before the Close of the last War; for as the Soldiers were formerly discharged from the Regiments, and enter'd on the Ships Books as Foremast Men, when they had qualified themselves to serve as such, and Money allowed to the Officers to procure others in their room; so now when any of the Marine Soldiers died, or were otherwise missing, the Companies were only made full by Levy-Money to the Officers, without any regard to their being a Nursery for Seamen, which was one of the principal Motives for the first raising such a Body of Men.

The Charge of these Regiments was defrayed by the Navy, (as being part of the Men voted by Parliament for Sea Service) and Money was issued out from time to time by the Treasurer thereof, by Warrants from the Lord High-Treasurer, to a Person particularly appointed to receive and pay the same, so that the Navy Board, who (as well as the Admiralty) were in the former War put to considerable Trouble on this Account, had no other now, than the ordering the Payment of Money from time to time in gross Sums; and that the Reader may be informed what the annual Charge of these Regiments was, I have hereafter inserted the Establishment, and in the next Place the Rules appointed by her Majesty for their Government, *viz.*

Establishment of one Marine Regiment.

Field and Staff-Officers.	<i>per Diem.</i>			<i>per Annum.</i>		
	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Colonel, as Colonel. — — —	0	12	0	219	0	0
Lieutenant-Colonel, as Lieutenant-Colonel.	0	7	0	127	15	0
Major, as Major. — — — —	0	5	0	91	5	0
Chaplain. — — — —	0	6	8	121	13	4
Adjutant. — — — —	0	4	0	73	0	0
Quarter Master. — — — —	0	4	0	73	0	0
Chirurgion 4 <i>s.</i> and one Mate 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	0	6	6	118	12	6
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	2	5	2	824	5	10

One Company.

Captain. — — — —	0	8	0	146	0	0
First Lieutenant. — — — —	0	4	0	73	0	0
Second Lieutenant. — — — —	0	3	0	54	15	0
Two Serjeants, each 18 <i>d.</i> — — — —	0	3	0	54	15	0
Three Corporals, each 12 <i>d.</i> — — — —	0	3	0	54	15	0
Two Drummers, each 12 <i>d.</i> — — — —	0	2	0	36	10	0
Fifty nine private Soldiers, each 8 <i>d.</i> —	1	19	4	717	16	8
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	3	2	4	1137	11	8
Ten Companies more. — — — —	31	3	4	11375	11	8

One Company of Grenadiers to compleat this Regiment.

Captain — — — —	0	8	0	146	0	0
First Lieutenant. — — — —	0	4	0	73	0	0
Second Lieutenant. — — — —	0	4	0	73	0	0
Three Serjeants each 18 <i>d.</i> — — — —	0	4	6	82	2	6
Three Corporals, each 12 <i>d.</i> — — — —	0	3	0	54	15	0
Two Drummers, each 12 <i>d.</i> — — — —	0	2	0	36	10	0
Fifty nine Grenadiers, each 8 <i>d.</i> — — —	1	19	4	717	17	8
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	3	4	10	1183	4	2

Total of One Regiment	39	15	8	14520	18	4
Of Five more	198	18	4	72604	11	8

In all 238 14 0 87125 10 0

The foregoing being the Establishment of Pay, that for their Subsistence is set down in the following Account, *viz.*

For

	For One Regiment.		<i>per Diem.</i>		
	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Colonel, as Colonel and Captain.	—	—	0	10	0
Lieutenant-Colonel, as Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain.	0	7	6		
Major, as Major and Captain.	—	—	0	6	6
Nine Captains, each 4 <i>s.</i>	—	—	1	16	0
Thirteen Lieutenants, each 2 <i>s.</i>	—	—	1	6	0
Eleven Ensigns, each 18 <i>d.</i>	—	—	0	16	6
Chaplain.	—	—	0	3	4
Adjutant.	—	—	0	2	0
Quarter Master.	—	—	0	2	0
Chirurgion 2 <i>s.</i> and Mate 15 <i>d.</i>	—	—	0	3	3
Twenty five Serjeants, each 6 <i>s.</i> a Week.	—	—	7	10	0
Thirty six Corporals, each 4 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	—	—	8	2	0
Twenty four Drummers, each 4 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	—	—	5	8	0
Seven hundred and eight Men, each 3 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	—	—	123	18	0
Total for a Week			184	9	1
for a Year			9592	18	4
for five Regiments more a Year			47964	10	8
In all			57557	9	0

Experience hath shewn that these Regiments have been very useful, but more especially upon fitting out Squadrons of Ships for any immediate Expedition; for as they are constantly quartered, when not at Sea, as near the principal Ports as possible, namely *Plymouth*, *Portsmouth*, and *Cbatham*, so were they with great Facility put on board such Ships as had most Occasion for them, for they were under the immediate Direction of the Admiralty; and the Rules and Instructions for the better Government of them, settled by Her Majesty in Council the first of *July*, 1702, were as follows; *viz.*

1. They were to be employed on board Her Majesty's Ships, as there should be occasion, and quartered (as I have already said) at, or near as might be to the DockYards, when on Shore, to guard them from Embezlements, or any Attempts of an Enemy. *Rules for the Government of the Marine Regiments.*

2. In all matters relating to their Subsistence and Clearings, when on board and on shore, they were to be paid in like manner as the Land Forces, and the same Deductions to be made from them for Cloathing, and one Day's Pay, once a Year, from each Officer and Soldier for the Hospital.

3. They were to be allow'd an equal Proportion of Provisions with the Seamen, without any Deductions from their Pay for the same.

4. And to have the same Allowance for short Provisions as the Seamen, to be paid to themselves, or their Assigns.

5. Such Part of the Regiments as should be on shore were to be muster'd by a Commissary, or Commissaries, in the same manner as the Land Forces, excepting in this Case, that they the said Commis-

aries were obliged to allow, at each Muster, on his or their Rolls, all such Officers and Soldiers as should appear to him, or them, by Authentick Vouchers, or Certificates, to be put on board any of Her Majesty's Ships or Vessels; and that such Part of the aforesaid Regiments as should be at Sea might be paid while they were so, it was directed, that the commanding Marine Officer with them, should every two Months return to the Commissary General of the Musters, a perfect List of all the Officers and Soldiers on board each Ship, signed by himself, and all the Marine Officers, expressing the times of Entry, Death, and Discharge of each Man, that so the Commissary might compare the said Lists with the monthly Books sent to the Navy Office, and allow such of the said Officers and Soldiers as should appear to him fit to be so allowed.

6. To prevent Confusion, not less than fifteen Marine Soldiers, and with them an Officer, were to be put on board a Ship at any one time, unless in Cases of Necessity.

7. And for the Ease of the whole, a particular Paymaster was appointed, with Power to solicit the Arrears of the Regiments, and to receive all Sums of Money from the Treasurer of the Navy, and immediately upon the Receipt thereof to issue the same to the respective Colonels, or their Agents; he was also required diligently and carefully to adjust all Accounts relating to the Regiments, according to such Muster Rolls as should be delivered to him by the Commissary, or Commissaries, and those Muster Rolls were to be allow'd of, as sufficient Vouchers for the Charges in the Accounts, and for making out Debentures and Warrants.

8. To enable the aforesaid Paymaster to keep an Office, and to deiray the Charge thereof, and of Clerks and other Contingencies, he was allowed 6*d.* in the Pound, pursuant to the Subscription of the respective Colonels, which he had Power to deduct out of all Monies issued to him, in the same Manner as the Poundage is deducted from the Land Forces.

9. For rendering such Part of the Regiments as should be on Shore the more useful, Her Majesty declared it should be left to herself, or the High-Admiral to dispose of them at such Places nearest to the several Dock Yards as might be judged most convenient: And since there might be occasion for Labourers to dispatch necessary Works, Her Majesty empowered Her High-Admiral, or Commissioners for executing that Office, to cause to be employed in the aforesaid Dock-Yards, so many of the Marine Soldiers as should be judged fitting, and to make them such daily Allowance for the same, besides their ordinary Pay, as to him or them should seem reasonable.

And for the better regulating of these Regiments, his Royal Highness, as Lord High-Admiral, empowered Colonel *William Seymour*, (Brigadier, and since Lieutenant-General of Her Majesty's Forces) to take upon him the Command of them, and not only to see that they were well quartered, but that the respective Officers diligently attended their Duty, and that, when ordered on board Her Majesty's Ships, the Soldiers were supply'd with proper Sea Cloaths, Chests, and other Necessaries

CHAP. X.

Containing an Account of Sir George Rooke's Expedition with the Fleet to Cadiz, and the Land Forces under the Duke of Ormond, and of the successful Attempt made on the French Ships and Spanish Galleons at Vigo.

HAVING made the beforegoing short Digression, give me leave now to observe, that for a considerable time before, the Declaration of War with *France* and *Spain* (which was on the fourth of *May*, 1702.) the greatest Diligence was used in getting the Fleet ready for Service; for it was well known that the *French* were making Preparations for Acts of Hostility. There was more than ordinary Pains taken in equipping a very considerable Squadron of Ships for an Expedition to *Cadiz*, in Conjunction with the *Dutch*; which the Earl of *Pembroke* was (as High-Admiral) to have commanded in Person, had not his Royal Highness the Prince of *Denmark* (as I have already informed you) been appointed to that Office.

Diligence used in getting the Fleet ready, before War declared.

There were some Doubts whether his Lordship should have born at the Main-top-mast head the Royal Standard of *England*, or the Union, or, more properly speaking in the maritime Phrase, the Jack Flag, commonly worn by those who have, under the Lord High-Admiral, been appointed Admirals of the Fleet. Most of those who pretended to judge best of this Affair inclined to the latter, but I luckily having then in my Possession an Original Journal, kept by the Secretary to the Duke of *Buckingham*, in his Expedition to the Isle of *Ré*, it plainly appeared thereby that he bore the Standard, as several High-Admirals had done before, by particular Warrants, as it is presumed, from the Crown empowering them so to do.

Lord High Admiral bears the Royal Standard at Sea.

The Conduct of this Expedition was committed to *Sir George Rooke*, who otherwise would have served in the second Post, as Admiral of the *White*, and the Duke of *Ormond* was General of the Land Forces, which were about twelve thousand Men, very well appointed.

Sir George Rooke and the Duke of Ormond sent to Cadiz.

When the Land Forces were embarked, and all other things in a Readiness, the Admiral sailed from *Portsmouth*, but reached not the length of the *Start*, until the twenty first of *July*, and having then but very little Wind; he thought it convenient to anchor, that so, by stopping a Tide, he might prevent his being driven Eastward. The next Day he got off of the *Deadman*, from whence proceeding cross the Bay of *Biscay*, with little Wind Northerly, he reached the Station for joyning Rear-Admiral *Fairborn* the thirtieth of *July*, who had been sent before with a Squadron to cruise off of *Cape*

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Finisterre, but being driven from thence by bad Weather, was working up to it again.

Sir George
Rooke joins
Sir Stafford
Fairborne.

The Admiral, when joined, continued his Course towards *Cadiz*, and coming near to it the twelfth Day of *August*, anchored in the Offing about four in the Afternoon, and much about that time the next Day he got into the Bay of *Bulls*. In the Evening there was a Council of War of the Flags and General Officers, and although it was then agreed that the Troops should be ready to go on Shore at an Hour's Warning, it so happened that they were not landed until the fifteenth in the Morning, when it was done by the Boats belonging to the Fleet, the General himself being in his Barge with the *English* Flag, and Baron *Spar* in another with that of the Emperor, putting the Men in order; and in the mean while the several small Frigates were so posted, as that they might best cover the Forces, and annoy the Enemy who were placed on the Shore to oppose them.

The Troops
landed.

There happened to be a very great Swell of the Sea, inasmuch that when the Boats came near the Shore, many of them were almost filled with Water, which constrained the Soldiers to wade thorough; and as by this unlucky Accident some were drowned, so were great Part of their Arms render'd unfit for immediate Service.

Action be-
tween our
Men and the
Spanish Horse.

When about one hundred Grenadiers were landed (at the Head of whom was Colonel *Peirce*) they were briskly attack'd by a Body of *Spanish* Horse with Sword in Hand, under the Command of a Lieutenant-General. Our Men were instantly put in Order, and then advancing with great Bravery towards the *Spaniards*, the Lieutenant-General was killed, some of them taken Prisoners, and the rest put to Flight.

The Enemy fired very hotly, while our Troops were landing, from a Fort called *St. Catharine's*, whereby the *Dutch* received some Damage; but the *Lenox*, one of our Third Rates, (commanded by Captain *Jumper*) advancing within Reach of the Fort, by firing her Broadside obliged them in a little time to retire. The small Frigates drove them also from their Batteries on the left, and the *Dutch*, soon after their Landing, possessed themselves of the Guns mounted thereon.

The Town of
Rota surren-
ders.

Next Morning early (being the sixteenth of *August*) the Forces marched towards a small Village called *Rota*, being met by the Governour, and some others, who surrendering the Town, about one hundred Grenadiers took Possession of it; and the General taking up his Quarters in the Castle, the Army encamped before the Place.

The Troops go
to Port St.
Mary's.

Between the seventeenth and nineteenth, the Field Pieces, and four Mortars, with proper Ammunition, as also the Dragoons, and Train-Horses were put on Shore, and the next Morning they marched to Port *St. Mary's*, which Place was about seven Miles from the Camp, and is in a manner a general Warehouse or Magazine for *Cadiz* itself. Our Men lay on their Arms all Night when they had marched about half of the Way, the *Spaniards* making a Shew (but that

that was all) as if they would defend the Pass; and next Day several Squadrons of their Horse were seen on the Hills, but upon the Approach of our Men they retreated into the Country; and this Day the Forces enter'd into Port *St. Mary's* without Opposition, for the Soldiers and Inhabitants had abandon'd it.

The Troops were quarter'd in this Place, which afforded Plenty of Wines; and as great Numbers of them did for several Days partake very liberally of it; (a thing too often practis'd, and very hard to be restrained) so were the Goods and Merchandizes of the Inhabitants seized, and hurried on board the Ships and Transports, which were of no inconsiderable Value, and this notwithstanding the Duke had (as I am inform'd) declared it Death to any Man who should presume to Plunder.

Port St. Mary's: plundered.

The twenty second a Party was sent back under Command of Colonel *Peirce*, from Port *St. Mary's* to *St. Catharine's* Fort, which surrendered after some Opposition; and two Days after the Army marching out of Port *St. Mary's*, encamped in two Lines, not far from thence, and where they were not well secured by the Ditches, such Methods were taken as might best contribute towards the Defence of the Front from the Enemy, who being encamped on a rising Ground towards the Country, about a Mile and half off, did sometimes alarm our People by their Parties of Horse.

Colonel Peirce takes St. Catharine's Fort.

The Duke called a Council of War of his General-Officers the second of *September*, where were present Lieutenant-General *Belafis*, Lord *Portmore*, Sir *Charles O'Hara*, Brigadier *Paland*, Brigadier *Matthews*, Brigadier *Hamilton*, and Brigadier *Seymour*, and it was resolv'd to propose the following Question to the Admiral, *viz.* In case the Army should, when at Port *Real*, endeavour to pass into the Island between the Bridge at *Suaco* and *St. Pedro*, but find it impracticable, and therefore come to the Mouth of the River *Xerez*, where Baron *Spar* had debarked his Troops, whether the Men, Horse, Artillery, and all things necessary, could be embarked from thence on board the Fleet?

A Council of War of General-Officers.

Hereupon the Admiral called a Council of such Officers as he thought convenient, namely, Vice-Admiral *Hopson*, his own first Captain, and Captain *Thomas Ley*; and of the *Dutch*, Admiral *Allemonde*, Admiral *Callemborg*, Vice-Admiral *Vandergoes*, and Vice-Admiral *Pieterfon*. They were of Opinion, that if the Winds came out (as might reasonably be expected from the approaching Season of the Year, the Autumnal Equinox being nigh) neither the Horse or Artillery could be embarked from the Mouth of the River *Xerez*, without great Difficulty and Hazard, but that from the Conveniency of the Mole at *Rota*, they might be from thence more safely taken on board; and, in such case, it was determined that there should be a Flag-Officer, and Captains appointed, not only to advise, but to assist in the doing thereof.

A Council of War of Sea-Officers.

And now, and not before, it being thought convenient to have the Entrance into the Harbour above the *Puntals* examined into, Sir *Stafford Fairborn* (as order'd) called to his Assistance the Flags, and other Officers of the Ships which were in the Bay of *Cadiz*,

The Entrance of the Harbour examin'd into, though late.

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who on the fifth of *September* reported, that they had endeavour'd to inform themselves of the Passage in the best manner they could, with respect as well to the Boom, as the sunken Vessels (which latter obliged even the Enemy's Gallies, when they pass'd or repass'd, to make several Traverses) and that, in their Opinion, it was not practicable to attempt the Entrance, while those two Forts which commanded it, namely the *Puntal* and *Mattagorda*, remained in the Enemy's Possession; and they represented the Difficulty to be yet the greater, for that they could neither find the certain Position of the sunken Vessels, nor come to buoy them, until one of those Castles, at least was reduced. But it may not be altogether unreasonable to believe, that if the Officers who were met at a Council of War had approved of the Proposition, which was made (as I am inform'd) by one of them, for ordering a Squadron of Ships, e'er the Fleet came in Sight of *Cadiz*, to have push'd through the Entrance of the Harbour, without so much as coming to an Anchor, which it is said he offer'd to undertake, we might, during the Surprise the *Spaniards* would have been in, have destroy'd at least their Shipping, (as the Earl of *Essex* did in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*) if not taken the Place itself; but it being not thought adviseable to make an Attempt in the manner before-mentioned, they had not only leisure, while the Body of our Fleet lay in view, of sinking Vessels in the very Entrance of the Harbour, whereby the Passage thereinto was render'd altogether impracticable, but to put themselves into a much better Condition of defending the City itself, than consequently they would otherwise have been.

Baron Spar
attempts the
Mattagorda.

An Attack was made by Baron *Spar* with about six thousand Men on the *Mattagorda*, a small inconsiderable Fort over against the *Puntal*, and a Battery was rais'd of four Cannon in such a Place as that not above three Guns could point on it from the Fort; but by reason of the Spunginess of the Ground, and it may be, also, from the want of a necessary Precaution to lay the Foundation of the Battery as it ought to have been, it did us little or no Service; besides, not only the Fort, but the Gallies, and *French* Ships of War which lay within the *Puntal*, made all the Fire they could at our Men, and put them into no small Disorder; so that Baron *Spar* thought it convenient to return to the Army, after he had set fire to the Magazines at *Port Real*.

Magazines at
Port Real
burnt.

These Difficulties occasioned another Council of War of the Flags and General-Officers the fifth of *September*, and it being judg'd by them, that if the *Mattagorda* were taken, it could not facilitate the Fleet's Entrance into the Harbour, because of the *Puntal* (a much stronger Fort) and the sunken Ships, it was agreed by the Land-Officers, that it would be to no purpose to make any Attempt towards the reducing of *Cadiz*, with the Troops only, for that with a much greater Number of Men, it would require more time than they could spend on it; wherefore it was resolv'd that all the Magazines of Naval and Ordnance Stores at *Port St. Mary's*, and *Rota*, should be burnt and destroy'd; that the Army should re-embark from *Rota*, as soon as 'twas possible, after the Boats had water'd the Fleet

Agreed not
practicable to
attempt *Cadiz*.

Fleet for their Voyage home, and that then it should be considered what might be farther done, for putting in Execution the Remainder of Her Majesty's Instructions.

The tenth of *September* a Council was held of the Flag-Officers, and several Letters from the Prince of *Hesse* to the Duke of *Ormond* and the Admiral were read; but since not one *Spaniard* of Note had yet come in, or shewed any Inclination so to do, (whatever they might have done with more civil Treatment) it was agreed that the Forces should be immediately embarked; and although it had been resolved some time before to bombard *Cadiz*, that Design was laid aside, because it was judged it could not be done with any manner of Success, considering the Swell of the Sea; so that all the Ships and Transports were immediately ordered into the Bay of *Bulls*, there to be in Readiness to receive the Army.

Five Days after, the Duke of *Ormond* acquainted the Admiral by Letter, that he desired nothing more than to have the Forces set on shore, either in the Island of *Cadiz*, *Ayamonte*, *Vigo*, *Ponte Vedra*, or wheresoever it might be thought most reasonable. This the Flag-Officers taking into Consideration, they were of Opinion that it was not advisable (with regard to the Safety of the Fleet) to attempt *Cadiz* at this Season of the Year, for that the Ships might be much exposed when the Rains and Out-winds set in; besides, the General-Officers had determined before, that it could not be done with those Forces which the General had under his Command.

Duke of Ormond proposes landing at some other Place.

As for landing the Army at *Ayamonte*, the Flags agreed it might be done if the Weather happened to be favourable, but that since the great Ships could not come near the Shore, nor remain on the Coast, great Difficulties might arise in landing the Horse and Artillery, because it could not be done any otherwife than by the Boats in the Fleet; and although they judged it almost impossible for a small Squadron to lie on that Coast in the Winter, yet they were of Opinion that such a Squadron might be clean'd at *Lisbon*, and cruise from time to time in countenancing and protecting the Army.

The Opinion of the Flag-Officers thereupon.

As to *Ponte Vedra*, and *Vigo*, they judged, that unless they could reach those Ports by the first of *October*, New Style, it would be to no purpose to attempt any thing there; for Provisions fell short in the *Dutch* Squadron, and it would be difficult for Ships to depart from that Coast in the Winter; but that if it should be resolved to struggle with these, and other unforeseen Difficulties, there was a Necessity to send home the great Ships, in order to their gaining a safe Passage.

They also considered what had been proposed, and that part of the Instructions to the Admiral which related to the *Groene*, and concluded that before they could possibly reach that Port, the Season of the Year would be too far advanced to make any successful Attempt there.

Next Day, being the seventeenth, a Council of War was held of the Flags and General-Officers, and it was considered whether it was advisable to make a second Attempt in *Spain*, in regard not

only

only of the Opposition, but the Obstinacy of the *Spaniards* in *Andalusia* against the House of *Austria*, the Difficulties which might arise from the Season of the Year; the Aversion which they apprehended in the People in other Parts of *Spain*; the want of Intelligence; that the *Dutch* Troops could not be furnished with Provisions from their Ships longer than for a Month; that the Army would be greatly diminished by the Detachment to be sent to the *West-Indies* with Captain *Walker*, (of whose Proceedings I have already given an Account) and other Inconveniences which might arise through Sickness. After this Matter had been thoroughly debated, the Question was put, and determined in the Negative, and therefore it was resolved to take the first Opportunity of proceeding to *England*.

Determined not to make a second Attempt in Spain, but return to England.

The Persons who signed to this Resolution were,

Sea-Officers.

Sir *George Rooke*,
Admiral *Allemonde*,
Vice-Admiral *Hopson*,
Vice-Admiral *Vandergoes*,
Vice-Admiral *Pieterfou*,
Rear-Admiral *Fairborn*,
Rear-Admiral *Wassenaer*,
Rear-Admiral *Graydon*.

Land-Officers.

Sir *Henry Belasis*,
Lord *Portmore*,
Sir *Charles O'Hara*,
Brigadier *Hamilton*,
Brigadier *Seymour*,

King of Portugal offers them Assistance.

Some few Days after two Letters were received from Mr. *Methuen*, Her Majesty's Envoy at *Lisbon*, one to the Duke of *Ormond*, the other to Sir *George Rooke*, by which he assured them that the King of *Portugal* would willingly assist in any thing which should be desired, not only at that Port, but in any other Parts of his Dominions.

A General Council was thereupon called the twenty second of *September*, but they did not frame any Resolutions thereupon. They considered whether Mr. *Methuen* should be desired to explain some Particulars contained in his Letter, and the Fleet stay for his Answer in *Lagos* Bay, but it was resolved to adhere to the former Resolution of proceeding to *England*, as soon as the *West-India* Squadron and the Forces should be detached; for they were of Opinion that Mr. *Methuen*'s Letters gave no great Encouragement to the wintering our Forces either in *Spain* or *Portugal*; and here it may be observed, that, by the then Articles between *England* and the latter Crown, we could not be admitted to have more than six Ships

The King adheres to the first Resolution.

of War in the Port of *Lisbon* at one and the same time. To this Resolution all those Gentlemen signed whose Hands were to the a-foregoing, except Brigadier *Seymour*.

The nineteenth of *September* the Fleet sailed from *Cadiz*, and were off of Cape St. *Vincent* the twenty fourth, where the *English* Flag-Officers, (namely the Admiral, Vice-Admiral *Hopson*, and the Rear-Admirals *Fairborn* and *Graydon*) taking into Consideration several Clauses in her Majesty's Instructions, relating to some of the great Ships their wintering abroad, if it should be too late to bring them safely home, it was concluded not to be advicable, for several reasons, to send six of our capital Ships to *Lisbon*; for as there were not any Stores proper for careening and fitting them for the next Summer's Service abroad, so did they judge the Hazard less, and the Convenience of fitting them much more certain, by bringing them to *England*.

The Fleet comes off of Cape St. Vincent.

Mr. *Bowles* (who acted as Agent to the Commissioners for Victualling) was left off of Cape St. *Vincent*, to supply the Ships designed for the *West-Indies*, as aforesaid, out of four or five Transport-ships, and then to follow under Convoy of the *Lenox*, and join the *Eagle*, *Sterling-Castle*, and *Pembroke*, which Ships the Admiral was obliged to tend to *Lagos Bay*, about five Leagues East from Cape St. *Vincent*, that they, and some of the Transports, might there supply themselves with Water, the chief Reason of the latter's being in want thereof, was their employing the greatest part of their time in picking up Plunder at Port St. *Mary's*, though it happened to prove very fortunate, as I am now going to relate.

The Gentleman who commanded the aforesaid three Ships, *Eagle*, *Sterling-Castle*, and *Pembroke*, was Captain *Wishart*, (since Sir *James*, and a Flag-Officer in the Fleet) and the Admiral being the twenty second of *December* off of *Lagos*, he sent him Orders to join him off of Cape St. *Vincent*, when he had watered those Ships and the Transports. He made all possible Dispatch in doing it, and sailed the twenty fifth in the Morning; but Captain *Hardy*, (since Sir *Thomas*, and a Flag-Officer) who commanded the *Pembroke*, being obliged to stay some little time atern, for his Boat which was on shore, a Gentleman came on board of him, who was charged with Letters from the Imperial Minister, directed to the Prince of *Hesse*, and Mr. *Methuen*. Captain *Hardy* industriously founded this Person, and found that the Letters gave an Account of the Arrival at *Vigo*, in *Gallicia*, of thirty *French* Ships of War, and twenty two *Spanish* Galleons, about ten Days before, and he communicating this to Captain *Wishart* as soon as he could come up with him, they all made the best of their way, and arrived off of Cape St. *Vincent* about half an Hour after Four in the Afternoon; but not finding the Fleet, and Captain *Wishart* considering the Consequence of the Intelligence, and finding by the sealed Rendezvous that the Admiral was on his Passage for *England*, he consulted the Captains with him, who were of his Opinion, that it was absolutely necessary to detach a Ship to Sir *George Rooke* with the aforesaid Intelligence, so that at Five a Clock, the *Pembroke*, com-

Captain Hardy gets an Account of the Enemy at Vigo.

The News communicated to Sir George Rooke, and resolved to proceed to Vigo.

manded by Captain *Hardy*, (which was the best Sailor) was sent on this Errand, and luckily joining the Fleet on the seventh, the Admiral called a Council of War of *English* and *Dutch* Flag-Officers, by whom it was resolved to sail forthwith to the Port of *Vigo*, and immediately to attack the Enemy with the whole Fleet, if there should be found room enough so to do, or, if not, by such Numbers as might render the Attempt most effectual.

The Enemy discovered at Redondela.

They discovered Monsieur *Chateau Renault's* Squadron on the eleventh, as also the *Spanish* Galleons about the Entrance at *Redondela*, but finding the whole Fleet could not attempt them without great Hazard of being entangled, it was resolved to send in fifteen *English*, and ten *Dutch* Ships of the Line of Battel, with all the Fireships, and that the Bomb-Vessels should follow in the Rear, and the great Ships move after them, that so they might likewise go in if there should be found occasion for it; and it was also determined to land the Army next Morning, that they might attack the Fort on the South side of *Redondela*.

An Account of Vigo and Redondela.

Vigo (from whence several Shot were fired at our Ships without Damage) is an inconsiderable Town at the Mouth of the Harbour, whose Inhabitants chiefly employ themselves in Fishing; nor is *Redondela* a Place of any great Consequence. The Harbour's Mouth is about the Breadth of a Shot from a Musket, and on the Entrance was a small Fort with a Trench running about a quarter of a Mile, whereon was a Battery of sixteen Guns; and the Harbour itself is surrounded in such manner with Hills, that it is capable of being made very strong. On the left Hand was a Battery of about twenty Guns, and between that and the Fort, on the right, a Boom was placed athwart the Harbour, made of Masts, Cables, and other proper Materials, the *French* Ships of War lying almost in the Form of a Half Moon, a considerable Distance within this Boom; whereas had they anchor'd close to it, and laid their Broadfides to bear upon our Ships as they approached, we should, in all probability, have found the Task much more difficult; but they had so great a Dependance on the Strength of the Boom, as to think themselves sufficiently secur'd by that, and the Batteries on both sides of the Harbour.

A Boom athwart the Harbour.

The Forces land, and take the French and Battery.

The General, according to Agreement, landed with the Forces, when marching directly to the Fort, he attacked the Trench and Battery, and became Master of them after a hot Dispute. They chased the *French* and *Spaniards* into the Fort, and afterwards beat them from thence to their Boats, although they were, in and about this Place (as 'twas credibly reported) near twenty thousand strong; and indeed had not this Fort, and the Battery at the end of the Trench been first taken, there would have been much more Difficulty found in breaking the Boom, and burning the *French* Ships; but that Service was no sooner performed, than the Ships advanced, and Vice-Admiral *Hopson*, in the *Torbay*, crowding all the Sail he could, when he came to the Boom the Force which the Ship had (considering its great Length, and consequently its Weakness) brake it, and several other Ships soon after made their way through. There was at this time a very great Fire between our Ships and the Enemy,

Vice-Admiral Hopson first breaks the Boom.

my, and one of their Fireships laid the *Torbay* on board; but the former having a large Quantity of Snuff in her, and blowing up, the very Blast extinguished greatest part of the Flames, and thereby enabled those few Officers and Men who staid on board (for the most part of them betook themselves to the Water) to preserve the Ship; for which good Service they were, when they came home, deservedly rewarded, some with Medals and Chains of Gold, and the rest according to their respective Qualities.

While Vice-Admiral *Hopson* was thus employed about the Boom, Captain *William Bokenham* in the *Association*, a Ship of 90 Guns, laid her Broadside to the Battery on the left of the Harbour, which he soon disabled; and Captain *Francis Wruell* in the *Barfleur*, a Ship of the like Force, was sent to batter the Fort on the other side, from which several Shot were fired which penetrated thorough the Ship, but he was restrain'd from answering them in the same manner, because it might have done great damage to our Troops, who soon after beat the Enemy from their Guns, and took the Fort, as I have already related. They fired on our Ships at first from all Parts, and our People were so far from being behindhand with them, that in about half an Hour's time they, in great Confusion, set fire to several of their Ships, and betook themselves to their Boats, mean while the Inhabitants, and others, in *Redondela*, deserted.

The Battery on the left side disabled by Captain Bokenham, and Captain Wruell attack'd that on the other side.

Several Ships burnt, and Redondela deserted.

Having thus informed you of the Action, by the following List it will appear what *French* Ships of War, and what Galleons were either taken or burnt, *viz.*

Ships of War.

<i>Le Fort</i>	—	76	Guns	—	burnt.
<i>Le Prompt</i>	—	76	—	—	taken.
<i>L'Assuré</i>	—	66	—	—	taken.
<i>L'Esperance</i>	—	70	—	—	taken, but bilged.
<i>Le Bourbon</i>	—	68	—	—	taken by the Dutch.
<i>La Sirene</i>	—	60	—	—	taken, but bilged.
<i>Le Solide</i>	—	56	—	—	burnt.
<i>Le Firme</i>	—	72	—	—	taken.
<i>Le Prudent</i>	—	62	—	—	burnt.
<i>L'Enflammé</i>	—	64	—	—	burnt.
<i>Le Moderé</i>	—	56	—	—	taken.
<i>Le Superbe</i>	—	70	—	—	taken, but bilged.
<i>Le Dauphin</i>	—	46	—	—	burnt.
<i>Le Volontaire</i>	—	46	—	—	taken, but bilged.
<i>Le Triton</i>	—	42	—	—	taken.

An Account of the Enemy's Ships taken, and destroyed.

Frigates.

<i>L'Entreprenant</i>	—	22	} —	burnt.
<i>Le Choquant</i>	—	8		

Fireships.

Le Favour.

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There were also seventeen Galleons, four of which were taken on float, and two on shore by the *English*, and five by the *Dutch*. The others were burnt.

The Duke of *Ormond* writ to the Admiral the fourteenth of *October* from the Camp at *Redondela*, and complemented him upon his good Success, wherein the Land-Forces had indeed been very serviceable, and shewed the greatest Bravery; but had the *French* and *Spaniards* behaved themselves as it might have been expected, in defending so many of their Ships of War, and such great Riches, our Troops would certainly have been more roughly handled.

Duke of Ormond proposed wintering abroad.

His Grace now put the Admiral in mind of what had been formerly mentioned, namely, the Forces wintering abroad, but more particularly at *Vigo*, and offered to march directly to that Place, if a fitting Number of Ships could be conveniently left to sustain and take off the Forces upon any Emergency: for he was of Opinion that this might not only put us in the greater Readiness the next Spring, but probably incline the King of *Portugal* (who was yet Neuter) to declare for us and our Allies.

Objections made by the Admiral.

The Admiral acquainted the General that he was ready to do every thing in his Power for the Good of the Publick Service, and that if he thought it might be so to winter in this part of *Spain*, he would venture to leave five or six Frigates, although he doubted they would not be safe, unless they kept out at Sea, instancing the Misfortune which the *French* had been so lately exposed to in the Harbour of *Redondela*.

He also acquainted his Grace that he should not be able to leave more than six Weeks, or two Months Provisions for the Forces, for that a great Quantity was sent to the *West-Indies* with the Ships and Soldiers detached thither; and since there were on shore a considerable Number of sick Men, he ordered Boats to *Redondela* the next Morning to bring them off, and submitted it to his Grace, if it might not then be a fit time to consider and determine, whether it was most proper to march to *Vigo*, or to the Place proposed for embarking the Forces; and that if the former was agreed to, he was of Opinion it might be necessary to send the Prisoners to some Place from whence they could not possibly be able to reinforce the Garrison.

The Troops are embarked. Sir Cloudesly Shovell arriving, is left at *Vigo*.

In fine, the Forces were, upon farther Consideration, embarked on board the Ships, and Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* arriving the sixteenth of *October*, the Admiral left him at *Vigo*, with Orders to see rigged, and supplied with Men, the *French* Ships of War, and the Gallcons, that so such of them as were our Prizes might be brought to *England*, but to destroy those he should not have a Prospect of bringing home, first saving so much of their Loading, Guns, and Rigging, as possibly he could. And as it was particularly recommended to him to take the utmost care to prevent Embezzlements, so was he directed to suspend those who should be found guilty thereof, and at his Return, to recommend to the Lord High-Admiral for Encouragement such who had behaved themselves honestly and diligently

in this Affair; and there being a Report that several *French Ships*, richly loaden, were expected from *Martinica*, he was directed to send three or four of his best sailing *Frigates* to cruise twenty Days off of *Cape Finisterre*; in order to intercept them; but they missed of the wished-for Success.

The Admiral having given these necessary Orders, and appointed nineteen Third Rates, ten Fourths, one Fifth, a Pink, six Fireships, two Storeships, and a Victualler, to remain with Sir *Cloudefly Shovell*, he sailed himself from *Vigo* with one First Rate, four Seconds, three Thirds, one Fifth, four Fireships, three Bombs, and two Yachts, together with several *Dutch Ships of War*, and one of the Galleons which was rigged, and arrived in the *Downs* the seventh of *November*, from whence the great Ships were brought to *Chatbam* about the middle of that Month.

Sir George
Rooke ar-
rives in the
Downs.

Observations
on the Action
at Vigo.

Thus have I given you an Account of an Affair which, after the News of our unfortunate Success at *Cadiz*, occasioned no small Joy; a thing, indeed, that Providence did in a very great measure put into our Power; for had not the Intelligence met the Admiral as it did, both Fleet and Troops would have return'd to *England* without effecting any thing answerable to the extraordinary Charge of the Expedition; for although all possible care was taken, as soon as it was known that *Monsieur Chateau Renault* was coming from the *West-Indies* with his Squadron and the Galleons, (which was about the beginning of *August*) to send Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* to cruise in a proper Station for intercepting them, if bound to any Port in the *Bay*; and that (upon Intelligence from the Captain of one of our Ships, the *Scarborough*, of his meeting them the fourth of *August*, in the Latitude of 35^{th} , as far Eastward as *Bermudas*) it was very pressingly recommended to Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* to look out carefully for them: That the Earl of *Nottingham* also received an Account, the beginning of *October*, that the said Ships and Galleons were arrived at *Vigo*, and that, when unloaden, the Men of War were to repair to *Brest*, whereupon Orders were dispatched the fifth of the aforesaid Month, so as to meet Sir *George Rooke* in his Return from *Cadiz*, by which Orders he was directed to consult with Sir *Cloudefly Shovell*, (if he met him in his Station) and either to exchange some Ships with him, or to make an Addition to his Squadron, if he judged him not strong enough; I say that notwithstanding all these Precautions, and that Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* was, about the middle of *October*, ordered to join ten Ships of Sir *George Rooke's* Fleet from 70 to 50 Guns, and all the Fireships in Condition for the Sea; and that Orders were lodged at *Plimouth* for Sir *George Rooke* to send such Ships to him in his cruising Station, from fifteen to thirty Leagues W. S. W. from *Cape Finisterre*; yet if the Fleet had come into the Chanel with the Land-Forces, all the Strength which Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* could have thus carried with him, would hardly have enabled him to have performed the Service which was done at *Redondela*.

Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* (as I have already observed) being left at *Vigo* by Sir *George Rooke*, put in Execution the Instructions he

he received from him in the manner following, viz.

Sir Cloudefly
Shovell's Pro-
ceedings at
and from Vi-
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In a Week's time the *French* Men of War, and other Prizes were put into the best Condition for their Passage home that the Place would admit of, and all the Loading was taken out of a Galleon which was on Ground, seized by one of our Ships, the *Mary*, as also of another Ship of 50 Guns, called the *Dartmouth*, taken from us the last War, and now made Prize by Captain *Wivell*. This Ship he brought home, and she was named the *Vigo*, for there was already one in the Royal Navy called by her former Name the *Dartmouth*.

He also took out of some *French* Ships of War, which were on the Ground, 50 Brass Guns most of them from fifty to sixty Hundred Weight, which with those brought from the Shore amounted to about one hundred and ten; and the Day before he sailed he set fire to all the Ships and Vessels that he could not possibly bring away.

The twenty fifth of *October* he left *Vigo*, but it proving calm, he anchored in the Chanel between that Port and *Bayonne*, where, with a Flag of Truce, he sent several Prisoners ashore, and had ours returned in lieu of them. Next Day he got under Sail again, with Design to go through the North Chanel, but the Wind taking him short, he was obliged to stand through that which lies to the South, where the Galleon, which was the *Monmouth's* Prize, struck upon a sunken Rock, and immediately foundered, notwithstanding several of the Frigates were on each Side of her, but all the Men, except two, were saved. He had at this time with him at least seventy Sail, of all Sorts, and the next Day, being the twenty sixth, the *Dragon*, a Ship of 50 Guns, joined him, having been engaged with a *French* Man of War of between 60 and 70 off of the Cape, in view of two of our Ships which could not come up with them, though it may reasonably be thought that the Sight of them made the Enemy retire. The *English* Captain, whose Name was *Holyman*, was killed, but both before, and afterwards, the Fight was very gallantly maintained.

The Dragon
engaged a
French Ship.

Sir Cloudefly Shovell met with very bad Weather in his Passage, which much shattered and separated the Fleet, and a rich Prize from *Morlaix*, taken by the *Nassau*, founder'd. The *Moderate*, one of the *French* Ships lost her Main-mast, but care was taken to secure her home, and many of the Squadron spent their Sails, particularly that Ship wherein *Sir Cloudefly* bore his Flag. In this Condition every one made the best of his Way into the Chanel, which they had open, about seventy Leagues S. W. by W. or W. S. W. from *Scilly*, with the Wind from the N. W. to the W. S. W. and the Flag himself with those in his Company, groped their Way into it, for the *Start* the first Land they made.

Sir Cloudefly
Shovell ar-
rives in the
Chanel.

Thus ended this Expedition, the Beginning whereof was attended with very ill Success, either from the general Aversion of the *Spaniards* (whatever Foundations our Hopes were grounded on) to the Interest of the House of *Austria*, or the Apprehensions they were under of being ill treated by the *French* King, should they have made

made any Motions that Way, without so much as a proper Place to retire to for Assistance or Protection. But it luckily fell out that the latter End of this very expensive Affair made some Amends at least for the unsuccessful Beginning; for the Enemy (if we reckon their Loss in Shipping and Money, which latter they so greatly built their Hopes upon, and designed, as it was said, to have brought to some Port in *France*;) had now the most sensible Blow they had ever received since that considerable Damage which was done them at *La Hogue* and *Cberbourg*, by the Earl of *Orford* in the last War; the Want of the Money especially very much embarrassing their Affairs.

I shall conclude this matter with one short Observation; and it is this; that as the *Spaniards*, when our Forces were on Shore at Port *St. Mary's*, and thereabouts, gave Us no considerable Opposition, although they had it in their Power, from the Number of Horse and Foot which they had drawn together; so were not they, or the *French*, over active in defending their Ships, and Treasure at *Vigo*, considering their Strength, and the Preparations they had made for their Security.

C H A P. XI.

Containing an Account of Captain John Leake's Proceedings with a Squadron of Ships at Newfoundland.

THE 24th of *June 1702*, Captain *John Leake* received Instructions from his Royal Highness to proceed to *Newfoundland*, with a small Squadron, and to convoy the Trade bound to *Virginia*, and *New England*, as far as his and their Way should lie together. He was required to use his utmost Endeavours to get an Account of the Strength of the Enemy's Forts, and not only to annoy them there, in their fishing Harbours, and at Sea, but to assist the Admirals, Vice-Admirals, and Rear-Admirals, at our Ports and Harbours in those Parts; for by these Titles the Masters of the Merchant Ships who first arrive distinguish themselves, and have Command over others at the respective Places when there are not any Ships of War present.

He had also particular Instructions for convoying the Trade from thence, when they should have made their Voyages, and to inform himself as to the several Heads of Enquiry transmitted to the Lord High-Admiral, by the Lords of the Council for Trade and Plantations (a thing usual when any Ships are sent thither) in relation to the Circumstances of our Affairs in that Country, and particularly the Fishery.

Captain *Leake* sailed, in pursuance of these Instructions, and came into *Plimouth Sound* the twenty second of *July*, but leaving that Place the next Day, and having parted with the Merchant

Remarks.

1702.

His Instructions.

Merchant Ships about one hundred Leagues W. S. W. from the *Lizard*, under Convoy of the *Loo*, *Reserve*, and *Firebrand* Fireship, he arriv'd the twenty seventh of *August* off of the Bay of *Bulls*, where he was inform'd by the Admiral of that Harbour, that there were two *French* Ships of War at *Placentia*, and that most of their Fishing Vessels which had made their Voyages were gone thither for Convoy. Hereupon he proceeded the very same Evening to the Southward of *Placentia* Bay, and on the twenty eighth twenty ninth, and thirtieth, visit'd the Harbours of *Trapassy*, *St. Mary's*, and the Bay of *Colonas*, where, and at Sea in those Parts, he took eleven Ships, one from *Martinica*, nine with Fish, and one with Salt, and destroy'd their Boats, Stages, and other Necessaries. The *Affistance* and *Charles* Gally he left at *St. Mary's*, with Orders to their Commanders to see the Prizes into *St. John's*, and then to cruise off of *Cape Race*, and the *Bank*, for fourteen Days; while he himself with the rest of the Squadron proceeded towards *St. Lawrence*, and the Island of *St. Peter's*, at the Entrance of *Fortune* Bay, the former of which Places he arriv'd at the last of *August*, and seeing there four Sail, which he order'd the *Mountain* and *Medway* to take or destroy, and then to follow him, he with the *Exeter* and *Litchfield* stood away for *St. Peter's*, where he arriv'd the next Day; but having some Reason to suspect the Judgment of his Pilots, and being inform'd that the Harbour was not only very narrow, but that the Ground without it was broken, it was his Opinion as well as Captain *Swanton's*, and the Lord *Durly's*, who command'd the *Litchfield*, that it was convenient to wait for better Weather before they adventur'd in. This he had the good Fortune to meet with the next Day, and then stretching towards the Harbour, he saw eight Ships and small Vessels off of the Eastermost End of the Island, to which giving Chase, he discover'd that the Harbour was on that Side, and in it seven or eight Ships at Anchor, so that had he born away the Morning before for the Place, the Pilots took to be the Entrance of the Harbour, he would not only have run the Hazard of being driven to Leeward of the Island, but also of falling on a Ledge of Rocks which lie off of the Point.

At Noon he took one of the Ships loaden with Fish, and leaving the *Litchfield* in chase of another, ply'd in for the Harbour to secure the rest; but when he was within a Quarter of a Mile of the Entrance (the Wind being then right out) he discover'd four Sail endeavouring to make their Escape from the South Chanel, which his Pilots had affirm'd was not navigable for any Vessel that drew above five or six Feet Water; and observing that the rest loos'd their Top-sails to go out the same Way, he thought it to no Purpose to chase them, for it was then about seven at Night, the Harbour not above half a Mile over, and a dangerous Rock in the middle of it, which appear'd but a very little above Water; wherefore he drove under his Top-sails until it was dark, the better to amuse them, but his real Design was to stand for the South Chanel to intercept them, had not the Haziness of the Weather prevent'd him, by which means they all escap'd, except one laden with Salt taken by the *Litchfield*.

He takes several of the Enemy's Ships in the Ports, &c.

It continuing to blow hard, and all the Enemy's Ships being got out of the Harbour, he bore away for *St. Lawrence*, where he had left the *Mountague* and *Medway*, the former whereof joined him the fourth of *September*, having parted with the other the Night before, making the best of her Way for the Harbour of *St. John's* with her four Prizes, two of which were part of those which escaped from *St. Peter's*; and as the other two were taken at *Great St. Lawrence*, so had they burnt two more at *Little St. Lawrence*, and destroyed their Boats and Stages. Here it was agreed to bear away for *St. John's*, and to proceed from thence to *Chapeau Rouge*, on the North Part of *Newfoundland*. At *St. John's* they arrived the eighth of *September*, and found there the *Medway*, *Assistance*, *Charles Gally*, *Loo*, and *Firebrand* Fireship, the two latter having seen their Convoys to the several Places whereto they were bound, and the *Reserve* was gone to survey the Harbours of *Trinity* and *Carbonier*.

Next Day the Commadore sailed from *St. John's* with the *Mountague*, *Litchfield*, *Assistance*, and *Loo*, in order to visit *Bona Vista*, the most Northern Plantation we had in those Parts, where he judged he might most probably be furnished with Pilots for *Chapeau Rouge*, but he left the *Medway*, *Charles-Gally*, and the Fireship to go to, and destroy at *St. Peter's* what they could meet with in that Harbour, and then to cruise off of *Cape Race* and the *Banks of Newfoundland*, until the twenty fifth of the aforesaid Month of *September*.

He arrived at *Bona Vista* the twelfth, but could not furnish himself with Pilots there able to carry the Ships to *Chapeau Rouge*, so that he determined to return to *St. John's* without attempting to go farther Northward so late in the Year, in dark Nights, and without the Assistance of experienced Pilots; besides all the Ships were in great Want of Water and Wood, which, had he proceeded, he was in Hopes of supplying them withal.

The fourteenth of *September* he arrived at *St. John's*, where he was informed by a Pilot of the Country, that although he did not well know *Chapeau Rouge*, he was acquainted with several good Harbours the *French* had Northward, but nevertheless refused to carry the Ships thither, because the Winter Season was too far advanced. They had, as he said, no Forts there, nor other Defence than what the Merchant Ships made with their Guns, to secure them from the *Indians* while they were fishing, who treat the Christians barbarously when they fall into their Hands; nor was there to the Northward, as he said, any other Fortification but that at *St. Peter's*, and even that but a small Fort of not more than 6 Guns.

The second of *October* the *Medway* and *Charles Gally*, with a small Banker the latter had taken, came in from *St. Peter's*, the Fort whereof they had demolished, and burnt and spoiled the Enemy's Habitations, Boats, and Stages; and it was now agreed that the *Mountague* and *Loo* should convoy the Ships bound to *Portugal*, the *Reserve*, *Charles-Gally*, and *Firebrand* Fireship those for *England*; and that the rest of the Squadron should, when the Trade

was ready to fail, proceed off of *Cape Race*, thence into the Latitude of 45^d , and there cruise ten Days to intercept the Ships from *Placentia*; and one of the *French Prizes* was given to the greatest Part of the Prisoners to carry them to *France*, as well to lengthen out the Provisions, as to keep the Ships Companies from Distempers.

The Commadore sailed from *St. John's* the eleventh of *October*, with the *Exeter*, *Medway*, *Assistance*, and *Litchfield*, leaving the rest of the Squadron to convoy the Trade as beforementioned, and two Days after he got to the Rendezvous, which was S. by E. from *Cape Race*, between the Latitudes of 44 and 45^d .

The eighteenth the *Medway* took a *French Banker*, and the twentieth one of the *Placentia* Ships, whose Master acquainted Captain *Littleton* that he had been separated in a Storm from the rest of the Fleet, which were about forty Sail, under Convoy of one Man of War of 50 Guns; and the Commadore believing, by what he gathered from the said Master, that Part of the Fleet was Eastward of him, made the best of his Way in Quest of them.

The twenty first and twenty second four more Bankers were taken, with another Ship from *Placentia*, and two more in few Days after, whose Masters confirming what the other had reported, the Commadore intended to have kept his Course Southward, in order to intercept others of them, but meeting with hard Winds at S. E. and S. S. E. he was forced as far Northward as the Latitude of 48^d , and then, his Provisions growing short, he made the best of his Way to *England*.

The Number of
Ships taken
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foundland.

There were taken in all twenty nine Sail, and two burnt, three with Salt, twenty five with Fish, and one from *Martinica* with Sugar and Molosses; eight of them the *Exeter* took, the *Medway* seized on nine, the *Mountague* and *Litchfield* took each of them four; three fell to the Share of the *Charles-Gally*, and one to the *Reserve*.

Had our Ships arrived upon the Coast of *Newfoundland* a fortnight sooner, they might have given a better Account of the Enemy, for many of them had made their Voyage, and were gone from their several Stations to *Placentia*; and even those that escaped from *St. Peter's* must have gone with little or none of their Cargo, for, running away, they left Part thereof behind, which the *Medway* and *Charles-Gally* destroyed.

CHAP. XII.

Containing an Account of Captain Bazil Beaumont's Proceedings, while at the Head of a Squadron employed against the French Ships at Dunkirk.

IN the next Place it is necessary to acquaint you, that a Squadron of Ships were put under the Command of Captain *Bazil Beaumont**, and they being particularly designed to observe the Motion of the Enemy's Ships at *Dunkirk*, he was ordered the twenty fourth of *June* to proceed over to that Port; and if by the falling of the Tides he judged that their biggest Ships could not get out to Sea, to divide his Squadron, and appoint one Part to cruise Northward, and the other Westward between the Coasts of *England* and *France*, but yet so, as that they might timely join at the general Rendezvous, which was to be either at the *Gunfleet* in the *Downs*, *Ousley Bay*, or *Yarmouth Roads*, as Winds and Weather, and other Circumstances might make it most proper.

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The next Day there was Advice that the two biggest Ships at *Dunkirk* were got down to the *Heads*, and that three more were preparing for the Sea, so that Captain *Beaumont* was ordered to proceed immediately thither, with four Fourth Rates, and a Sloop, and when there to govern himself according to the aforesaid Instructions; but he was directed to leave Orders for the other Ships under his Command to follow him from the *Downs* as soon as possible; and there being a Squadron of *Dutch* Ships off of *Schonevelt* at this time, it was recommended to him, if he found himself not strong enough to keep Monsieur *Ponty* in, to join himself thereunto.

Pursuant to these Orders he sailed, and being off of *Dunkirk* the twenty eighth of *June*, sent the Sloop with an Account to the Admiralty that he had plainly seen eight large Ships in *Flemish Road*, which he believed would put to Sea that very spring Tide; and judging himself much too weak to oppose them, (for he had then with him no more than three Fourths, and one Sixth Rate) he resolved to join the *Dutch* Ships at *Schonevelt*, and with them endeavour to keep the Enemy in, or pursue them if they got out of the Harbour.

By this Sloop Orders were sent to him to remain off of *Dunkirk*, if joined with the *Dutch* Ships, and that the *French* were still in that Port: But lest Accidents might have brought him into the *Downs*, Orders were at the same time sent thither, directing him to proceed first to *Yarmouth Roads*, and then to use his best Endeavours to protect the Trades from *Hamburg*, the *East-Country* and *Holland*.

He joined Vice-Admiral *Evertsen* off of *Schonevelt* the twenty ninth of *June*, and acquainted him what he had observed in relation

Capt. Beaumont joins the Dutch Vice-Admiral.

* Afterwards a Flag-Officer.

to the *French* Ships, but that Flag-Officer had received a particular Account of their Motions before, by a Man purposely sent to him from the States-General. He desired him to join some of his Squadron to our Ships, since he had eighteen, from 72 to 40 Guns, the better to prevent the Enemy's coming out, or to enable him to attack them if they did; but could by no means prevail with him to do it, for he had Orders not to separate his Squadron, or to depart from the Service whereunto he was appointed, which was to prevent a Descent upon *Zeeland*, a thing the States-General his Masters apprehended from the Ships at *Dunkirk* and *Ostend*, the Gallies, Bomb-Vessels, and Pontoons, which they had prepared, and an Army of near eight thousand Men, said to be drawn together near *Ostend*, as it was believed, for that purpose. Nay the *Dutch* Vice-Admiral judging himself not strong enough effectually to prevent such an Attempt, had sent some Days before to Captain *Beaumont* in the *Downs*, and desired his Assistance; but at last he condescended to go a little farther Westward with part of his Squadron, the better to sustain our Ships if the *French* should come out, which it was believed they would do, for the first of *July* they lay ready with their Top-sails loose.

The Dutch would not add any Ships to him, being apprehensive of *Zeeland*.

I may not omit the mentioning here an Accident (which may seem somewhat strange) which happened two or three Days before Captain *Beaumont* came on the Coast; which was thus. Six *French* Gallies from *Ostend* took a *Dutch* Ship of 50 Guns, not above a Mile from their Vice-Admiral, and his whole Squadron, and carried her into that Port; but they made use of the Advantage of a Calm to perform this Exploit; for as the Gallies had an Opportunity of rowing to her, so were the Ships of War prevented in coming to her Assistance, or she from withdrawing herself from them, for want of Wind.

Six *French* Gallies take a *Dutch* Ship of War.

The tenth of *July* our Squadron was strengthened to seven Fourth Rates, and one Sixth, and by Orders from the States-General Vice-Admiral *Evertsen* sent three Ships to join them five Days after; who, in order to the more effectual Performance of the designed Service, acquainted Captain *Beaumont*, that, as soon as the Ships could be victualled, a Rear-Admiral and thirteen Sail would be appointed to observe the *French*, who were (as he said) making all possible Dispatch at *Dunkirk* and *Ostend*, not only with their Ships of War, but Fire-Vessels, Pontoons, and all other Matters, for the Attempt which the *Dutch* so much apprehended in *Zeeland*.

The English Squadron strengthened.

Two Days after this Account was received from Captain *Beaumont*, he was ordered to proceed to *Leith* in *Scotland*, in case Monsieur *Ponty* was gone to Sea with his Squadron, and that he had no Prospect of coming up with him, for there was a Suspicion (how well grounded I cannot say) that he was designed to that Kingdom; but if he found him not there, nor Intelligence where he might meet him, he was to come to the *Gunsfleet*, calling in at *Newcastle*, and the several Northern Ports, for the Trade bound into the River: And by other Orders, dated the fourth of *August*, it was recommended to him to take particular care of the Merchant Ships from *Russia*

Russia and the *Baltick* Sea, loaden with Stores as well for the Navy as the Merchants Service.

The twenty first of *July* he propos'd to Vice Admiral *Evertsen* the adding such a Number of his Ships to him as should be thought proper at a Consultation, that so he might be the better able to oppose the Enemy, should they get out from *Dunkirk* and *Ostend*; and for the yet better effecting that Service, he farther desired that the said Ships might lie as near *Dunkirk* as possible, and that if the *French* should yet get out, and go Northward, they might be chased as long as there should be any Intelligence of them, and afterwards proceed to and bring from *Leith*, and other Northern Ports, the Trades of both Nations.

Upon this there was a Meeting of the *English* and *Dutch* Officers, and the Instructions both to one and the other being taken into Consideration, it was agreed that Captain *Beaumont*, with seven of Her Majesty's Ships, and five of the States-General, should lie South, and South by East from *Dunkirk*, and stretch away S. W. and N. E. the better to keep the Enemy in, or to attack them if they got out. It was also resolv'd that the *Dutch* Vice-Admiral should lie in the same Station, or near thereunto, with the rest of the Squadron: But here it may be observ'd, that if the Enemy's Ships had left the Port, those of the States-General could not have follow'd farther than five or six Leagues, until they were supplied with Provisions; but even when that should be done, Rear-Admiral *Vanderdussen* had Orders to chase no farther than the *Dogger-Bank*, where he was to cruise until he received farther Directions, and to make up the five Ships with Captain *Beaumont* thirteen.

Agreement how to place English and Dutch Ships: off of Dunkirk.

The *French* Squadron continued in *Flemish* Road, being on the twenty third of *July* joined by two small Ships from the Harbour, suppos'd to be Fireships, and it was believ'd that four Gallies were also come from the West. There were two Ships of War at *Ostend*, one of 66, and the other of 50 Guns, ready for the Sea, and on the twenty sixth the Enemy seem'd as if they were preparing to sail, which had they done, it was not to be doubt'd but our Ships would have given a very good Account of them, for the Commodore had with him seven *English* of the Fourth Rate, and five of the States-General.

They were in Motion even that Day, and as four of them made a feint of going out Westward, so did three others stand Eastward, but anchored about two Leagues each way from *Dunkirk*, within the Sands; and there remained in the Road two great Ships, with as many small ones. The next Day all these Ships weigh'd again, and kept under Sail for some time, but attempt'd not to come out, being govern'd by Signals with Flags from the biggest Ship in the Road, where, in all Probability, the Commanding Officer was; and undoubt'dly their dodging thus to and fro was chiefly to amuse us, for in the Afternoon they all return'd into the Road again, though it is very probable they had hopes to have drawn our Ships Westward, and by that means have given those at *Ostend* the better Opportunity of joining them at *Dunkirk*.

The French Ships in Motion.

The States-General ordered three of their five Ships from Captain *Beaumont* to the *Texel* the beginning of *September*, and the Vice-Admiral could not appoint others in their room without Orders from his Masters; besides, their Apprehensions of a Descent on *Zeeland* led their Flag-Officer, with his Squadron, farther Eastward from our Ships. Some few Days before this the *French* sent two Gallies from *Dunkirk* to *Ostend*, and the twenty sixth of *August* there were no more than three Ships to be seen in *Flemish Road*, so that it was uncertain whether the others were gone to Sea, or into the *Basin*, although the Commadore was almost positive they were not at Sea, by reason he could see a much greater Number of Masts in the *Basin* than could be discovered a few Days before.

Our Ships were very much exposed from the bad Weather which happens at this Season of the Year, but more so from the Danger of the Coast; besides, they were in no little want of Provisions: And since we had then no more than five, and the *Dutch* but two, the Enemy gave it out as if they intended to attack them, for so the Masters of some Ships of *Hamburgh* reported who came from *Dunkirk*; though by People who were taken in a *French* Fishing Boat by Captain *Wyat*, the twenty ninth in the Morning, Captain *Beaumont* was informed that all their Ships, except two, were gone into the Harbour, with Intention not to come out again the remaining part of the Year; but other Intelligence being received at the Admiralty, before this Account from Captain *Beaumont* came to hand, that most of the *French* Ships were gone to Sea, (though it proved afterwards to be false) the *Worcester* was sent from the *Downs* with Orders to him; the *Dartmouth* and *Kingsfisher* were also sent to him from thence, the *Crown* from the *Buoy of the Nore*, and the *Rochester* was ordered to hasten to him as soon as she had convoyed the Earl of *Winchelsea* to *Holland*, who was going with a Compliment from Her Majesty to the Court of *Hanover*. It was recommended to Captain *Beaumont* to satisfy himself whether the Enemy were at Sea, or in Port, and as he was, in the former Case, to leave off of *Dunkirk* a fitting Strength, with the two *Dutch* Ships, and to proceed with the rest to a convenient Station for securing the *East-Country* Trade and their Convoys, which were ordered to come from the *Sound* the last of this Month; so, on the other hand, if Monsieur *Ponty* was gone in, that only three Ships were in *Flemish Road*, and that he judged the others would not come out again, he was to leave a Strength sufficient to keep in those three Ships, and repairing to the *Downs* with the Remainder, there take in a Supply of Provisions; but nevertheless to order the Commander in Chief of the Ships off of *Dunkirk* to send him immediate notice if the Enemy should prepare to go out, that so he might use his best Endeavours to intercept them.

Some Ships left
off of *Dun-*
kirk.

Pursuant to these Orders he left off of *Dunkirk* the *Worcester* and *Salisbury*, which were Fourth Rates, and two *Dutch* Men of War, to observe the Motions of the *French* Ships in the Road, and came into the *Downs* with the *Tilbury*, *Blackwall*, *Dartmouth*, and *Kingsfisher*. Those Ships being victualled, two of them were

ordered to cruise in the *Soundings*, and the Commandore to repair with the rest to *Margate Roads*, from whence, with some other Ships which there joined him, he convoyed the Yachts to *Holland*; and having cruised four Days between the *Well*, a Shoal off of the Coast of *Lincolnsbire*, and the *Dogger Bank*, in search of some Ships said to be got out from *Dunkirk*, he proceeded to *Helvoet-Sluis*, and conducted from thence to *England* the Earl of *Marlborough*, General of Her Majesty's Forces.

There was a Report during Captain *Beaumont's* being in *Holland*, as if Monsieur *Ponty* was actually got out of *Dunkirk*, but he was positive that neither he, nor any of his Ships, were at Sea, knowing it to be almost impossible, as the Tides fell out; and it afterwards appeared that he judged very right in this Matter. But (as I have already acquainted you) the *Worcester* being one of the Ships he had left off of *Dunkirk*, her Commander sent the Lords of the Admiralty an Account, that on the thirteenth of *October*, in the Morning, he had seen all the *French Squadron* at Anchor in *Gravelin-Pits*, except two which were under Sail.

The Day after he had dispatched this Advice he sailed from the Flats of the *Foreland*, and standing over towards *Calais* and *Gravelin*, saw under the Cliffs of *Calais* ten Sail turning to Windward, and four small ones to Windward of himself, which he took to be their Scouts. This Alarm occasioned the ordering those few Ships of War, and the Trade which were in the *Downs* to the *Buoy of the Nore*, since there they might be more safe, and a Squadron was formed at the *Gunfleet* with all possible Dispatch, which in the Absence of Captain *Beaumont*, was put under the Command of Captain *Thomas Foulis*, and he, on the eighteenth of *October*, ordered off of *Calais*, *Gravelin*, and *Dunkirk*, in search of the aforesaid *French Ships*. If he met them not there, he was to stretch away Northward for the Security of the Trades expected from the *East-Country*, *Russia*, and *Hamburg*, and was ordered to call in at some Place about the *Naez* of *Norway* for Intelligence: But if when he came off of *Dunkirk* he found the *French Ships* were gone in, he was to come to the *Downs* with all the Squadron, except the *Worcester*, and a Fifth Rate, which two Ships he was to leave off of the Port to observe and bring him Intelligence of their Motion.

Preparations upon a mistaken Account of the French.

One of our Captains was informed by the Master of a *Swedish Ship*, that he saw a *French Vice-Admiral* with several Men of War off of *Solebay*; but this Intelligence was no more to be depended on than the many Amusements we had from the Masters of Ships of that Country the last War.

Captain *Foulis* having with him eight Fourth Rates, and three Fifths of ours, and two Ships of the States-General, he proceeded Northward in search of the Enemy, according to his Instructions, and being in *Yarmouth-Roads* the twenty fourth of *October*, (where he called in for Pilots) he spoke with the Master of a Ship which was taken and came from *Dunkirk* the seventeenth, who said that there were then in that Port thirteen Ships ready to go to Sea, and nine of them Men of War.

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He failed the twenty fourth in the Afternoon from the back of *Yarmouth Sands*, with the Wind at N.W. and N. N. W. and plied Northward, but the twenty fifth at Night it began to blow very hard, and continued to do so all the next Day, insomuch that they could not purchase their Anchors. The twenty seventh the Wind, and consequently the Sea, encreased, insomuch that the *Crown* was forced to bear away, as was the *Content* at Night, and it blowing extreme violent the twenty eighth, between the N. N. W. and N. E. with Rain and Hail, the *Dover* and *Fowey's* Cables gave way, so that they were forced out of the Squadron.

The twenty ninth the Weather was more moderate, when the Signal was made for weighing with the Wind at North, but from thence it came to the N. E. and the Commadore having then with him no more than three *English* Fourth Rates, and one *Dutch* Ship, he proceeded, according to the Opinion of the Captains, to the Flats of the *Foreland*, to look for the rest of his Squadron.

Thus ended this Search after the *French* Ships, which had not indeed been out of their Port; and of this Captain *Beaumont* was so well assured, that by Letters, during his stay in *Holland*, he positively affirm'd that not any of their great Ships had been at Sea; so that in all Probability those which the Captain of the *Worcester* saw were Coasters going from *Dunkirk*, or *Ostend*, to some Ports in the West of *France*; for by reason of the Haziness of the Weather, he could not so well discover them as otherwise he might have done; besides, he being alone, it was not safe for him to stand too near them.

CHAP. XIII.

Containing an Account of Sir George Rooke's Proceedings with the Fleet in and about the Chanel.

THE fourth of *April* Sir *George Rooke*, Admiral of the Fleet, was ordered to take under his Command that part thereof which was designed for Service in the Chanel, *viz.* five Firsts, six Seconds, eighteen Thirds, nine Fourths, nine Fifths, and one Sixth Rate, together with three Bomb-Vessels, six Fireships, and three Hospital Ships, as also the Squadron intended for the *Mediterranean* under Command of Sir *Cloudesty Shovell*, in case it should be found for the Advantage of the Service to put a Stop to that Expedition.

Arriving in the *Downs* the twelfth of *April*, he was there informed that Her Majesty's Ships the *Salisbury* and *Adventure* had met with a Squadron of *French* Ships from *Dunkirk*, and (as 'twas fear'd) had fallen into their Hands. Upon this Rear-Admiral *Byng*, with the *Ranelagh*, *Somerfet*, *Torbay*, *Cambridge*, and *Winchester*, was ordered

A French Squadron took the *Salisbury*, and *Adventure*.

dered to lie in the fair way for intercepting the Enemy in their Passage to *Dunkirk*; and Rear-Admiral *Beaumont* was sent off of that Port with his Squadron; but notwithstanding this early Care, the *French* had the good Fortune to carry in their Prizes before either of the Squadrons could possibly come up with them.

An Account of the Action.

The Action was thus. Captain *Cotton*, who commanded the *Salisbury*, came with that Ship and the *Adventure* from *Goree*, in *Holland*, the ninth of *April*, and next Day about one a Clock discovered seven Sail bearing down on him with *English* Colours. These Ships proved to be three *French* and one *Spanish* Man of War, the others Privateers. The *Salisbury* was constrained singly to engage with most of them, that the Trade and the Yachts might the better secure themselves, in one of which was the Earl of *Winchelsea*, who was returned from the Court of *Hanover*. The *Adventure* was astern, and the *Salisbury* endeavoured to edge down all that possibly she could, to assist the Tail of the Fleet, with which was a hired Storeship of considerable Force, named the *Muscovia Merchant*, but she, without any Resistance, struck to the Enemy, and the *Adventure*, to save herself, stood away with all the Sail she could carry, so that the *Salisbury* bore the brunt upwards of two Hours. She was boarded by two of the *French* Ships, which were bravely put off, but soon after Monsieur *St. Paul*, who commanded in Chief, lying on her Bow ready to clap her on board again, another on her Broadside, the *Milford* (taken from us the last War) on one Quarter, and the *Queen of Spain*, a Ship of *Orfend*, on the other, all of them making what fire they possibly could, they disabled her Masts, Sails, and Rigging, dismounted several of her Guns, and her Hull was very much torn. This, with the killing eighteen, and desperately wounding both her Lieutenants, and forty three Men, together with the throwing into her Hand-Gradoes so thick, that they were not able to continue on the Deck, constrained the Captain to yield the Ship to them, which they afterwards fitted out, and employed against us.

The Admiral lay some time Wind-bound in the *Downs*, but arrived at *St. Helen's* the 17th of *April*, having then with him two First Rates, thirteen Thirds, three Fourth's, four Bombs, and three Hospital Ships. It was his Opinion, and accordingly he proposed it as such, that the Fleet should forthwith go to Sea, without staying for the *Dutch*, and surround the Bay of *Biscay* with a strong Detachment, that so if the Enemy had any Men of War, or Merchant Ships without the Entrance of Port *Louis*, or of *Rochefort*, an Attempt might be made to surprize and destroy them; or at least it was judged that we might thus interrupt their Commerce. He was the better able to put this in speedy Execution, from the liberty he had to remove the Men belonging to two First, and four Third Rates, ordered to be paid off, into other Ships that most wanted them. And now Vice Admiral *Leake* of the Blue Squadron, being returned with several Ships to *Spithead* from the *French* Coast, where he had missed of those he was sent to intercept, the Admiral farther proposed to go into the Bay with two First Rates, four

Sir George Rooke arrives at St. Helen's, and proposes to go into the Bay of Biscay to annoy the Enemy.

Vice-Admiral Leake returns from the French Coast.

Seconds, twelve Thirds, and six Fourths, of the Chancel Squadron, and one Third, two Fourths, two Fifth, and two Sixth Rates of Sir *Cloudefly Shovell's*, as also two Bomb-Vessels, which were all the Ships and Vessels at this time at *Spithead* ready for Service, being two First, four Seconds, twenty one Thirds, one Fourth, three Fifths, and one Sixth Rate, with five Bomb-Vessels, ten Fireships, and three Hospitals: But besides these, there were on the *French Coast*, under Command of Captain *Charles Wager* * one Third, three Fourths, one Fifth, and one Sixth, and by them a Ship of 14 Guns was taken, but most of the trading Vessels, as well as their small Convoys, escaped to *Havre de Grace*, *Cherbourg*, *La Hogue*, and the Ports along the Coast: And there were also one Ship of the Second Rate, four of the Third, and ten of the Fourth, designed for the Fleet. which had not then joined the Admiral.

Some Ships on the French Coast with Captain Wager.

That the intended Service might be the more effectually carried on, the Admiral proposed that, if there should be occasion for it, Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* might lie off of the Isle of *Ushant* with his Squadron, for that there the *Dutch Ships* designed to proceed with him to the *Mediterranean* might as well join him as on our Coast; but yet he was of opinion there would be no occasion for this additional Strength, if the Intelligence of the Enemy's Preparations could be depended on.

The Lord High-Admiral having considered these Proposals, directed him to obey Her Majesty's Commands; and the Queen was pleased to order him to proceed on the aforementioned Expedition.

The Queen orders Sir George Rooke to proceed as he had proposed.

The 1st of *May* he received Directions to send a Frigate with Dispatches to Mr. *Methuen*, Her Majesty's Envoy at *Lisbon*, (who was then treating the Alliance some time after concluded with the King of *Portugal*) and on the 4th in the Morning he was under Sail, but contrary Winds prevented his getting clear of the Isle of *Wight*, and being at this time indisposed, he desired leave to go on shore, yet offered to proceed rather than the Service should suffer.

Sir George Rooke had leave to come on shore, and Mr. Churchill appointed to Command. However Sir George proceeds

Her Majesty was pleased to gratify him in this Request, and thereupon Mr. *Churchill* (Admiral of the Blue, and one of the Council to his Royal Highness) was ordered to take upon him the Command of this part of the Fleet, and to proceed on the intended Service, but Sir *George* not timely receiving leave to come ashore, went on, and was off of *Portland* the 6th of *May*, although he was not then, nor some considerable time after, able to get out of his Bed.

On the 8th of *May* he arrived with the Fleet off of *Plimouth*, where being joined by Vice-Admiral *Leake*, he appointed a Rendezvous for the *Dutch Ships*, in case they timely arrived, which, with the Wind Westerly, was *Torbay*, and from fifteen to twenty Leagues West from *Ushant*, if it should happen to blow Easterly.

He was not far from *Plimouth* when he received the Lord High-Admiral's Consent for his leaving the Fleet, but resolving still to proceed, he sent the *Hampton-Court*, a Third Rate, towards *Spithead*, to advise Admiral *Churchill* that he was gone to Sea; the

* Afterward, Knighted, and a Flag-Officer.

Captain of which Ship not coming to him in time, he went on to *Plimouth*, in Expectation of meeting the Fleet there.

On the 9th of *May*, about fifteen Leagues from *Ushant*, the Admiral called a Council of the Flag-Officers, namely Vice-Admiral *Leake*, and Rear-Admiral *Dilkes*, and his first Captain, Captain *James Wisbart*, who perusing the Instructions from Her Majesty, and the Intelligence received from *Brest* of the Enemy's Preparations, together with the Project for a Descent in the Bay of *Verdon*, at the Mouth of the River of *Bourdeaux*, determined to send some Frigates through the *Race*, to gain farther Intelligence from *Brest*, and to proceed with the gross of the Fleet to *Belle Isle*, (it being judged unsafe to go farther so early in the Year) and that from thence some Frigates should be detached as far as *St. Martin's*, to discover what the Enemy were doing in those Parts.

The Admiral calls a Council of War.

Captain *Robert Fairfax* * was sent the next Day on the aforesaid Service with the *Kent*, *Monk*, *Medway*, and *Dragon*, who steering along shore, passed within a Mile of *Conquet Road*, where there was not any thing to be seen but small Craft; but the Coast was fortified with near thirty Guns, between *Conquet*, and *St. Matthew's Point*. He stood into the *Sound* without *Brest*, and to the Eastward of *Camaret*, but saw not any thing there; nor could he discover in the Harbour more than six Sail ready for the Sea, three of them from 60 to 70 Guns, and the others from 30 to 40.

Captain Fairfax sent for Intelligence.

A Fisherman was taken, who belong'd to a small Village about five Leagues from *Brest*, and he affirm'd that there sailed from that Port, the Sunday before, four Ships of three Decks, under Command of Monsieur *Cotlongon*; that there were between twenty and thirty more in the Harbour disarmed, and in the Road four Ships of War, and two Privateers ready to sail with Monsieur *D'Arteleoire*.

An Account of Ships sailed from Brest.

The Admiral was of Opinion that the Winds which carried Monsieur *Cotlongon* to Sea, had given Opportunity to the other *French* Ships to sail from the Ports in the *Bay*, so that he could have but little Prospect of doing any Service there; and since he was obliged by his Instructions, as well from the Queen as the Lord-High-Admiral, to proceed as a Council of Flag-Officers and Captains should judge most proper, he summoned them the 12th in the Afternoon, where were present besides the Flag-Officers and Captain *Wisbart*, seventeen other Captains. They considering again the Queen's Instructions, as also the Intelligence, particularly that from Captain *Fairfax*, concluded to sail as far as *Belle Isle*, and that a Detachment should be sent from thence to *St. Martin's*, or elsewhere, for farther Advice of the Enemy, *Belle Isle* being appointed the Rendezvous from the 16th to the 20th of *May*, and afterwards in the Latitude of 46 and 47^d, S. S. W. from *Ushant*.

Another Council of War called.

The Fleet was prevented from getting into the *Bay* by Southerly Winds, Foggs, and Calms, and on the 15th the *Medway* was ordered to chase a Sail at some Distance, which she took in the Afternoon. This Ship came from *Pondicheri* on the Coast of *Cor-*

* Afterwards one of the Council to the Prince of Denmark, when Lord High-Admiral.

mandel, and was bound to Port *Louis* with her Loading of Muslins and Callicoes, being the same which was taken from us the last War, under the Name of the hired Ship *Success*.

The 17th of *May* the *Winchester*, *Dover*, and *Litchfield* joined the Fleet, which two Days after got as far into the *Bay* as the *Seames*; but the Wind flying out very fresh at S. S. W. and S. W. obliged them to stand out again; and the aforesaid Ship *Winchester*, which was sent with the *Ipswich* into the Station off of *Ushant*, retook the *Sarah* Gally of *London* loaden with Sugar, Tobacco and Logwood from *Virginia*.

The Wind coming about Northerly the 20th, the Admiral stood into the *Bay* with the Fleet, and the *Litchfield* and *Dragon* speaking with a *Dutch* Galliot the 23d, they were informed by a *French* Lieutenant, who was on board, and had taken her, that he saw, the Tuesday before, twenty six *French* Ships of War standing Westward, the Land about *Bourdeaux* then bearing E. by S. near fifteen Leagues off. Upon this a Council of War judged it convenient to proceed to *Belle Isle*, and that the Detachment design'd to St. *Martin's* should not be sent thither, until it could be certainly known whether the Enemy's Ships were in those Parts, or gone to Sea.

The 24th of *May* the Fleet arriv'd at *Belle Isle*, where there was not any thing to be seen but some Fishing-Boats. As the Admiral was going in, he sent the Rear-Admiral with five Ships to the S. E. End of the Island, to intercept any Vessels which might attempt to come out that way, as he did the *Berwick*, *Ipswich*, and *Litchfield* to the Island of *Groy*, or *Grouais*, lying off of Port *Louis*, to surprize any Shipping which should be found riding off that Port, which last brought into the Fleet two small Barks taken from amongst twenty that were bound Southward from *Brest*, but the Remainder, (except some which were stranded) with their Convoy of 14 Guns, got into Port *Louis*. Hereupon, and upon what the Prisoners related, a Council of War of the Flags and Caprains was called in *Belle Isle* Road, who resolv'd it was not adviseable to divide the Fleet, by sending a Detachment farther into the *Bay*, since there were so few Frigates, and even but two of them clean, and that if the Enemy were weaker they might go into their Ports at pleasure, or if stronger, attempt us to Advantage; so that it was determined that the Detachment intended thither, and the Design of destroying the small Embarkations at the *Isle de Dieu* (the latter whereof would have been a fine Exploit indeed for a Fleet of Ships) should be deferred until there could be a better Opportunity of effecting it by a Squadron of clean Ships, with sixth Rates, and Brigantines, to sustain the Boats on that Service, for there was not Water, or room enough, for any Ships of Force to lie before the Fort.

It was also resolv'd to put in Execution the Orders which the Admiral had received, by repairing to the Station S. S. W. from *Ushant*, in the Latitude of 46 and 47, the better to meet with any of the Enemy's Ships bound into or out of the *Bay*, and in case of Easterly Winds to stretch half a Degree more to the Southward, for that thereby

The Fleet stands into the Bay of Biscay.

An Account of a French Squadron at Sea.

The Fleet comes to Belle Isle.

Methods taken for intercepting the Enemy's Ships.

A Council of War in Belle Isle Road.

Resolv'd to repair to a Station off of Ushant.

thereby they might have a Prospect of meeting the *French Squadron* beforementioned, if not gone from *St. Martin's*; but if the Winds came *Westerly*, it was judged most adviseable to proceed *North*, so as to keep the *Chanel* open, and thereby be the better able to protect our Trade.

The 27th of *May* the *Dragon* took a *Privateer* of 16 Guns and 6 *Patereroes*, and ninety Men; at the *South East* end of the *Island*, loaden with six hundred and fifty *Hogsheads* of *Sugar*, and fifteen *Barrels* of *Indigo* from *St. Domingo*.

From the time that the *Fleet* came to an *Anchor* in *Belle Isle Road*, until the 1st of *June*, it blew very hard, but two Days after the *Admiral* weighed with an *Easterly Wind*, and stood towards the appointed *Station*; soon after which it came up *Northerly*, so that he was forced to ply thereinto; and receiving Orders the 5th by a *Frigate* called the *Lyme*, to detach two Ships for bringing our Trade from *Portugal*, he accordingly sent two *Third Rates*, the *Northumberland* and *Restauration*, on that Service, which they successfully performed.

A Convoy sent for our Trade from Portugal.

About this time the *Lord Dursley**, who commanded the *Litchfield*, a Ship of 50 Guns, coming from the *Body* of the *Fleet* in the *Soundings*, met with a *French Ship* of War of thirty six Guns, and two hundred and sixty Men, which, after a stout *Resistance*, his *Lordship* took, as also a *French Ship* from *Martinica*, of 20 Guns, both which he brought with him to *Spithead*; and the *Admiral* having resolved to stay no longer on the *Station* than the 10th of *June* being desirous to be timely in *England* for any necessary Service, he shaped his Course homewards accordingly, and arrived at *St. Helen's* after a tedious Passage, the 21st of the aforesaid Month, with two *First Rates*, three *Seconds*, five *Thirds*, four *Fireships*, the *William and Mary* Yacht, which attended on him, and an *Hospital Ship*, having ordered the *Medway* and *Dragon* to cruise between the *Lizard* and the *Ram-head*, and the *Monk, Lyme, and Lowestoff*, on the *Station* he came from, to give any Ships that might be sent to him an Account of his coming off. And thus ended an Expedition with a great part of the *Fleet*, from which very little Advantage accrued, whatever might have been expected; and in my poor Opinion a *Squadron* of small Ships might have had much better Success.

The Admiral returns to St. Helen's.

After *Sir George Rooke* had been at *Spithead* some Days, the *Prince* sent him leave to go to the *Bath* for Recovery of his Health; but before he left the Place, he tried at a *Court-Martial* two *Scamen* that had deserted the Service, who were condemned and executed; and this was the first Instance in a long Series of Time that the *Maritime Law* was put in Execution on such Offenders.

When he came to *Town* again he was appointed to convoy the *Arch-Duke Charles* (soon after declared *King of Spain* by the *Emperour* his Father) from *Holland* to *Spithead*, and from thence to *Lisbon*; but before I enter on the Account of that Expedition, I

* Now *Earl of Berkeley*, and *Vice-Admiral* of *England*.

will acquaint you with Sir *Cloudefly Shovell's* Proceedings to and from the *Mediterranean*, and in the first Place set down the Instructions which he received for that Expedition.

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Containing an Account of Sir Cloudefly Shovell's Proceedings with a considerable Part of the Fleet in the Mediterranean, and of Damages done by the violent Storm which happened at his Return to England.

Instructions to
Sir Cloudefly
Shovell to
proceed to the
Mediterranean.

1703.

Relating to
the Cevenois.

Salt-Works at
Peccais.

To endeavour
to seize Palermo.

and,

Messina.

To assist the
Emperor's
Troops in Naples.

ON the 4th of *May* 1703, Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* was directed by His Majesty, to proceed (when in the *Mediterranean*) to the Coast of *France*, and lie off of *Peccais*, and Port *Cette* on the Coast of *Languedoc*, and if he saw any Persons on the Shore, to observe if they made Signals, if not to do the same to them, and finding them to be Friends, to send his Boat for such as should desire to come off to him, that so he might be informed of the Condition of the *Cevenois*, a People who had for some time taken up Arms against the Forces of the *French* King, in Defence of their Religion and Liberties. If he was satisfied that they could convey to their Companions any Powder, Bullets and Shoes (of the latter of which it is said he had a considerable Quantity in the Fleet, and they in extreme Want of them) he was to supply the same as might be proper, and likewise to furnish them with Money.

In the next Place he was to enquire whether it was feasible to destroy the Salt-Works at *Peccais*, and, in such Case, to land so many Marine Soldiers as might be necessary, to join such *French* as would willingly co-operate in the Attempt.

2. This being done, or so much thereof as should be found practicable, he was to proceed to *Palermo* in *Sicily*, and there observe or make the Signals as aforesaid, and if any Persons were ready to receive him, to send for some of them, and concert the proper Methods of seizing on *Palermo*, and to assist in the Attempt with the Ships and Bomb-Vessels, together with such Marines as might be necessary, as well as by all other Ways that should be judged expedient.

3. If he succeeded in this, and that he found it practicable to take *Messina*, he was in that, and in all other things, to do his utmost towards assisting those People in freeing themselves from their Subjection to *France*, and the then *Spanish* Government, and reducing the Island to the Dominion of the House of *Austria*.

4. Then he was to proceed to the Coast of *Naples*, and, upon Signals made to him, to assist those People in like manner; and if he should find any Part of the Emperor's Army there, he was so far to assist the Officer commanding those Forces, in reducing *Naples*,

or

or any Part of that Kingdom, as should be thought adviseable, and, in order thereunto, to land the Marines, supply them with Mortars and Cannon out of the Ships and Vessels, and in all respects to do his utmost to assist the Emperor's Army, or any others declaring for the House of *Austria*.

5. If in his Way to *Sicily* he judged it not proper, to proceed himself to *Livorne*, he was to send a Ship thither; and if there should be found any Person there by the Appointment of Prince *Eugene of Savoy* to confer with him, the Captain of such Ship was to receive him, if he desired it, that so an Account might be had from him of the Designs of the said Prince, and the Admiral himself be thereby the better enabled to assist in the Attempts against the Enemy; in order whereunto he was directed to correspond with him, as he had Opportunities for it, and to comply with his Desires in all Things that might be fit and proper, regard being had to the Safety of the Fleet.

To go or send a Ship to Livorne. To correspond with Prince Eugene.

6. By other Instructions, dated the 4th of *May*, he was ordered to go with the Fleet, or to detach some Ships to the Coast of *Barbary*, and (by virtue of the Power given him under the Great Seal) to authorize the Consuls of *Algier*, *Tunis*, and *Tripoli*, or some Persons belonging to the Fleet, or others, to treat with those Governments, for concluding a Peace, upon Terms and Conditions which were to be proposed, and thereupon to make the usual Presents.

To treat a Peace with Algier, Tunis, and Tripoly.

7. If he could prevail with them to make War against *France*, and that some Act of Hostility was thereupon committed, he was, on that occasion, to give such farther Presents as should be judged proper: And in case of such a Rupture, and that the *Dutch* Admiral had Orders to treat a Peace with those Governments, he was to assist him in the Negotiation.

To endeavour to prevail with them to break with France.

He was also ordered to detach two Ships, or more, to *Livorne*, some time before his Return, with Orders to the senior Captain to make use of all Opportunities of taking or destroying any of the Enemy's Ships going into, or coming out of that Port, and to declare the reason thereof to be, because the Grand Duke had not strictly kept the Neutrality with relation to the *French*, nor done Right to Her Majesty's Subjects; for which reason the aforesaid Commanding Officer was to require an immediate Punishment of the Governor of *Livorne*, by removing him from his Employment.

To seize Ships going into, or coming out of Livorne.

9. Farthermore, he was to require a positive Declaration and Assurance from the Grand Duke, that no Seaman, her Majesty's Subject, should for the future be detained by him against his Will, but permitted to embark freely on board the Queen's Ships, or those of her Subjects, or Allies: And if, upon those Demands, entire Satisfaction was not made, the Admiral was to return home by *Livorne*, and by all ways practicable to exact it.

To reclaim English Seamen from the Duke of Tuscany.

10. If he detached any Ships into the *Adriatick* Seas, pursuant to other Instructions he had or should receive, he was to order their Captains to take all Opportunities of destroying any *French* Ships or Vessels in the *Venetian* Ports, and to require from that State a Release of Her Majesty's Subjects detained in their Ships, Gallies,

To endeavour to destroy French Ships in the Venetian Ports,

and
recover our
seamen from
them.

or Dominions; and in case of Refusal, to endeavour to take their Subjects out of their Ships, and to detain them until ours were cleared, otherwise to bring them to *England*. And he was farther to require of them immediate Satisfaction, and Reparation, for the Ship and Loading they suffered to be burnt by the *French* at *Malamocco*, or if they refused, to do his best Endeavours to make Reprisals on them.

To proceed to
Naples and
Sicily,

and

assist the Troops
of the House
of Austria.

To do his ut-
most in attack-
ing Cadiz,
Thoulon, &c.

To endeavour
to destroy
French Ma-
gazines near
Genoa.

Power to dis-
pose of Prizes.

To make a
Truce upon
occasion,
and
reward de-
serving Per-
sons.

To treat the
Subjects of Al-
lies in a
friendly
manner.

To demand
Satisfaction if
ill treated by
Neuters.

11. By other Instructions from Her Majesty, dated the 7th of *May*, he was farther ordered, that when he had seen the Merchant Ships as near to *Lisbon*, *Genoa*, *Livorne*, and such other Ports as might be necessary for their Safety, and allotted particular Convoys to *Smyrna*, *Constantinople*, and *Scanderoon*, he should proceed with the Remainder of the Fleet, *English* and *Dutch*, to the Coasts of *Naples* and *Sicily*, and there call a Council of War of the Flags of both Nations, and also of the Colonels, or Commanders in Chief of the Regiments of Marines and Land-Forces, and with them consider how he might best assist the Emperor's Forces in those Parts, not only with the Ships, but the said Marine Soldiers, Mortars, and Guns, in any Attempts the said Forces of the Emperor, or others in favour of the House of *Austria* should make, and to join, and co-operate with them in annoying the Enemy according to what should be agreed.

12. It was also recommended to him to take all Opportunities of attacking *Cadiz*, *Thoulon*, or any Place on the Coast of *France*, or *Spain*, as also their Ships, Gallies, or Magazines, provided such Attempts might not interrupt the principal Service he was going upon.

13. If he got Intelligence that the *French* had any considerable Magazines near *Genoa*, and a Council of War should agree that by landing Marines at *Porto Spezza*, (a little Town belonging to the Republick of *Genoa*) or elsewhere, they might be destroy'd, he was to further the Attempt, by giving all possible Assistance and Protection to the Men, in their landing, and reimbarking, so far as the same might be consistent with the Safety of the Ships.

14. He had liberty to apply any Prize, Provisions, or Stores, to the use of the Seamen, with the Privy of the Prize-Officer in the Fleet, but to keep an exact Account thereof.

15. If he should want Water, or other Refreshments, he was empowered to make a Truce, and to treat with the Enemy for a Supply; and he had liberty to give Rewards to deserving Persons for extraordinary Services done in the Expedition, out of the Money advanced for defraying the Contingencies of the Fleet.

16. It was recommended to him to treat the Subjects of the *Grand Seignior*, and all other Princes and States in Amity with Her Majesty, or the States-General, in a friendly manner, and to take the best care he could that the *Dutch* did not molest any of our said Allies, though not in Friendship with them. But if he happen'd to meet with ill Treatment from any Neuter Nation, or that they assisted the Enemy, and refused the like to him when he might have occasion, he was to demand Satisfaction, and to take it by Force if refused;

refused; though this was only to be done in his Passage down the *Streights*.

17. When he had performed such Services as he was able for the Advantage of Her Majesty, and Her Allies, he was to consider at a Council of War the most proper time for returning home, and of the best means of taking on board the Guns, Mortars, small Arms, and Ordnance-Stores, and also the Marine Soldiers, unless he should find it necessary, and for the Service of Her Majesty's Allies, to leave the Guns or Mortars, Carriages, small Arms, or Ordnance-Stores, or any part of them on shore. And he was also to consider what Services might be done by annoying the Enemy in his Return home, but to have a regard to join the Ships detached for Convoys, or on particular Services, and to bring with him all the Trade that could be gotten together.

To consider what services might be done before his return home.

18. If he received good Intelligence that any *French Ships* were in the *Adriatick Sea*, molesting the Emperor's Convoys for *Italy*, and it should be judged safe, after the Detachments were made, he was empowered to send thither such a Number of Ships as a Council of War should think expedient; for burning or destroying the Enemy, in any Place or Port within that Gulph, except the Roads and Ports of the *Grand Seignior*.

To take, or destroy French Ships in the Adriatick.

19. He was directed to communicate to the *Dutch Admiral* his Instructions, and to desire him to do the like to him, as a Matter which might conduce very much to the carrying on the Service.

To communicate his Instructions to the Dutch Admiral.

20. In Consideration of the Distance which might be between him and home, he was empowered to exchange Prisoners for such of Her Majesty's Subjects as had or should be taken by Ships of the Enemy, or otherwise detained, and therein to proceed by the Rule directed to be observed in *England*, until a Cartel could be concluded, *viz.* Man for Man, and Quality for Quality; but yet it was left to his Discretion to do otherwise upon any special Occasion.

Power is exchanged Prisoners.

And now the twelve Ships of the States-General being joined him, and no Prospect of any more from *Holland*, he was ordered, on the 16th of *June*, to set sail with the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather, and to do his utmost to put his Instructions in Execution, to perform which (how practicable soever the Services ordered might be) would have required a much longer time than he had to remain abroad with the Fleet.

It was thought necessary to strengthen him by eight *English* Ships more, and the 29th of *June* he was ordered to take them with him in the Condition they were, that so no Delay might be made. But if the *French*, when he was in the *Mediterranean*, should find themselves inferior to him in Strength, and therefore attempt to repass the *Streights*, he was to have a careful Eye on them, and endeavour by all possible means to hinder their coming towards *Portugal*, or these Seas: Or if they should happen to get through the *Streights*, he was to follow them, first making a Detachment of so many Ships as should be thought requisite; and he could spare, for Services towards *Italy*, mentioned in the foregoing Instructions.

The Squadron strengthened.

To prevent the French Ships passing the Streights.

Sir Cloudesly
Shovell sail.

By what hath been said it appears that there was Work more than enough cut out for Sir *Cloudesly Shovell*; for since he failed not from *St. Helen's* before the 1st of *July*; that he was required by Orders from the Lord High Admiral, (agreed to in Council) to return down the *Streights* some time in *September*, and that the *Dutch* Admiral was obliged by the States General, his Masters, to be at home with the Squadron under his Command in *November*, there was not Opportunity of complying with many things contained therein. However, that it may appear how far he endeavoured so to do, I refer to the following Account of his Proceedings.

Having received his final Instructions both from Her Majesty, and his Royal Highness, he set sail from *St. Helen's* the 1st of *July*, early in the Morning, but since several of the Ships which were appointed for the Expedition could not timely get ready, he desired that the strictest Orders might be given for their proceeding after him to the Rock of *Lisbon*, the Place of Rendezvous, that so the Service might not be delay'd by his staying there in Expectation of them.

He endeavour'd to beat it out of the Chanel, but being got as far Westward as *Forwey*, with a Fleet of about two hundred and fifty Sail, of all sorts, *English* and *Dutch*, the Wind came about from the South to the S. W. and W. S. W. so that it was impossible for him to keep the Sea with the Merchant Ships, and therefore he bore up for *Torbay*, from whence he sent his clean Ships to cruise in several Stations against the Enemy, and to protect the Trade,

Obliged to
bear up for
Torbay.

A French
Ship taken by
Captain Nor-
ris.

Captain *John Norris* of the *Orford*, who had been cruising with the *Mountague* in the *Soundings*, joined the Admiral in *Torbay*, having after an Hour's Dispute taken the *Phelipeaux* of 36 Guns, 12 Patereroes, and two hundred and forty Men. Her Captain behaved himself well, and surrender'd not until he had near fifty Men killed and wounded, and his Ship much torn. The *Orford* had eight Men wounded, and some of them very desperately too; and her Mizen-mast, Fore-mast, and Main-yard being shot through, were wholly disabled. The *Mountague*, commanded by Captain *William Cleveland*, had also the good Fortune to take the Ship she chased, of 18 Guns, and one hundred and ten Men, but in the Pursuit the *French* Captain threw most of her Ordnance over-board; and the *Orford* soon after took another *French* Ship which had 16 Guns mounted.

Another tak-
en by Cap-
tain Cleve-
land,

and
a third by
Captain Nor-
ris.

The Admiral
sailed again.

Sir Thomas
Hardy takes
a Ship.

The Admiral sailed from *Torbay* the very first Opportunity which offered, and on the 13th of *July* the *Grafton* joined him, as Sir *Thomas Hardy* did in the *Bedford* two Days after, who having been on the S. W. of the Fleet, took a Ship of the Enemy's from the *West-Indies* of about one hundred and twenty Tuns, loaden with Sugar. And about this time Captain *Robert Bokenham*, who commanded her Majesty's Ship the *Chatbam* of 50 Guns, being ahead of the Admiral, about Two in the Morning, fell in with two *French* Ships of War called the *Jason*, and the *Auguste*, which getting between him and the Body of the Fleet, he engaged them, at the Distance of about Pistol-shot, but when it was broad Day-light, they

fleeing

seeing our Strength left him, and endeavoured to make their Escape, whereupon he chased them, and coming within Gun-shot about Noon, they exchanged their Broadfides at each other, mean while several other Ships of the Fleet had an Opportunity of getting near him. At Five in the Afternoon the *French* Ships separated, and about Eight at Night the *Worcester* of 50 Guns, commanded by Captain *Thomas Butler*, engaged the *Jafon*, while the *Chatham* was in fight with the *Auguste*, but it proving little Wind, she rowed from her at some Distance. At Nine at Night the *Greenwich* came along side of the *Auguste*, and engaged her until One a Clock, at which time she being much disabled, and the *Medway*, another Ship of 50 Guns, commanded by Captain *James Littleton*, coming up, she struck, having 54 Guns mounted, and four hundred and twenty Men, commanded by the Chevalier *Nesmond*; and being a very good Ship, not above twelve Months old, she was added to our Royal Navy.

A French Ship called the Auguste taken.

The 16th the Admiral had sight of Cape *Finisterre*, to which Station the Wind continued Easterly, and from thence he sent a proper Convoy with the Trade bound to the several Ports in *Portugal*.

The 22d Vice-Admiral *Leake*, with five Ships from *England*, joined the Fleet, and the 24th the Admiral sent two of our Frigates with the *Dutch* to strengthen their *St. Ubes* Convoy, arriving himself in the Evening at *Cascais*, the Entrance into the River of *Lisbon*, with all the Fleet and Merchant Ships, having gather'd up his Cruisers in his Passage. From thence he sent a Letter to the King of *Portugal* by Vice-Admiral *Fairborn*, and several of the Nobility and Gentry came on board the Fleet, among whom it was reported was, *incognito*, the King himself.

Vice-Admiral Leake joins the Fleet.

The Fleet arrives at Lisbon.

The 25th a Council of War was held of *English* and *Dutch* Flag-Officers, by whom it was resolved to remain at *Cascais* until the 29th, to take in Water, and then to proceed into the *Streights*, the Place of Rendezvous being *Altea* Bay, but in case of a hard Easterly Wind, that of *Almeria* in *Granada*; and the Flags at this Council of War were,

A Council of War called.

English,

The Admiral,
Vice-Admiral *Leake*,
Vice-Admiral *Byng*.

Dutch,

Admiral *Allemonde*,
Vice-Admiral *Vandergoes*,
Rear-Admiral *Wassenaer*.

Being joined the 27th by the *Orford*, *Monmouth*, *Hampton-Court*, *Pembroke*, and *Litchfield*, and by the *Nassau* the 29th, he unmoored the 30th, in order to prosecute his Voyage, but some time before he formed his Line of Battel, wherein the *Dutch* (as usual)

Other Ships joins the Fleet.

were to lead with their Star-board, and the *English* with their Lar-board Tacks on board.

The Strength of the *English*.

Line of Battel.	N ^o .	Guns each.	Total of Guns.
	4 of —	96	} — 2514.
	7 —	80	
	17 —	70	
	3 —	60	
	4 —	50	

besides five small Frigates, four Fireships, four Bomb-Vessels, and a Pink.

The *Dutch*.

N ^o .	Guns each.	Total of Guns.
1 of —	94	} — 862.
2 —	90	
3 —	72	
5 —	64	
1 —	52	

besides two small Frigates, three Fireships, and three Bomb-Vessels. So that there were forty seven Ships of the Line of Battel, with twenty two others; and the Number of Guns of the said Ships of the Line were 3376.

The Admiral
sails, and re-
ceived Advice
of the Enemy's
Ships.

With this considerable Fleet, and the Trade, the Admiral sailed from *Cascais* the 31st of *July*, and came off Cape *Spartell* the 4th of *August*, where he met with a fresh *Levant* Wind. Here Captain *Norris* joining him, gave him an Account that there were twelve *French* Gallies at *Cadiz*, but none of their Men of War on the *Spanish* Coasts; and he had also Intelligence by Sir *Thomas Hardy* that twenty two great Ships had passed by *Faro* from *West-France* into the *Streights*, and that the Consul there was informed they had above forty Ships of War at *Toulon*.

Turky Trade
sent forward

The strong *Levant* Winds forced him into *Tangier* Road the 9th of *August*, but failing again the 12th, he arrived in *Altea* Bay, the Place of Rendezvous, the 31st; and having pretty well watered the Fleet, (wherein he met with Assistance rather than Interruption from the *Spaniards*) he sailed the 3d of *September*, and not having Intelligence of any *French* Ships in those Seas, he sent forward the Trade to *Smyrna* and *Constantinople*, with a Third and Fourth Rate, and that for *Scanderoon* with two Ships of the like Strength, ordering both Convoys to keep Company as far as their way lay together, and accordingly they parted from the Fleet the 9th off of the Island of *Formentera*.

Two Days after there was a Meeting of the Flag-Officers, both *English* and *Dutch*, when Admiral *Allemonde* declared he was obliged by his Instructions to be in *Holland* by the 20th of *November*, and

and that since his Ships were victualled for no longer time, it was fit for him to be looking homeward. Our Admiral let him know that his Orders required his going to *Livorne*; that a Separation might be of ill Consequence, and that the Queen and Council expected he should remain about the Coast of *Italy* until the 20th of *September*: To which Monsieur *Allemonde* answered, that though there was not any Prospect of doing Service, yet he would keep Company until the 15th, and then make the best of his way home, if the Wind came up Easterly.

Dutch Admiral pressing to return.

On the 14th Sir *Cloudestly Shovell* represented to him, by Letter, the ill Consequences of parting, in case the *French* should come out too strong, for he had an Account that he resolved to repair down the *Streights*; and withal he promised Admiral *Allemonde*, that if the Winds did not come up fair for their proceeding to *Livorne* before the 30th of *September*, he would, with the Advice of his Flag-Officers, turn his Head homewards, rather than divide the Fleet. Upon what afterwards pass'd between the two Chiefs, a Council of War of the *English* Flags was called, where were present the Admiral, Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, *John Leake*, and *George Byng*, Esquires, and Captain *James Stewart*, the Admiral's Captain; by whom it was resolved, that since Monsieur *Allemonde's* Instructions required him to be at home the 20th of *November*, if they could not reach *Livorne* by the last of *September*, a Convoy should be sent thither with the Trade, and the whole Fleet return home: However, the Winds coming up Westerly, they arrived in *Livorne* Road the 19th, where the Admiral found neither Letter nor Message from Prince *Eugene*, or General *Stareberg*; but there came to him an Ecclesiastical Person, who brought several printed Declarations from the Emperor, importing that the *Sicilians* should enjoy all their former Privileges, and the Clergy all the Spiritual Benefits of that Island, provided they would abandon the Interest of the Duke of *Anjou*. This Priest had also a Letter from the Count *de Lemberg*, by which he seemed to depend wholly on the Arms of *England* and *Holland* for reducing the Kingdoms of *Sicily* and *Naples*.

Dutch pressed to stay some time longer.

A Consultation of the English Flags.

The Fleet comes to Livorne.

The 22d in the Morning the two Frigates returned which were sent into the Bay of *Narbonne*, where they arrived the 17th, and stood into the Shore between Port *Cette* and *Peccais*, the *Tartar* in ten Fathom Water, and the bigger Ship, the *Pembroke*, within two Miles of the Shore. The former first made the Signals as directed, as the other did some time after, but met not with any Returns. They observed several Guns fired along Shore, supposed to be to alarm the Coast, and they also saw two Gallies at Port *Cette* which rowed towards them, but retired again as soon as they made our Ships; and there being not any Possibility of putting Arms or other things on shore for the People of the *Cevennes*, the Captains, with the Advice of the Pilots, made the best of their way to *Livorne*.

No Communication with the Cevennes.

Another Council of War was held the 23d, of *English* and *Dutch* Flags, and, for the Reasons afore-mentioned, it was resolved that the Fleet should proceed homeward the 26th, if possible, or the next Day at farthest, Wind and Weather permitting; but I will leave them

Resolution to return home.

for

for a while, and give some Account of what passed at *Livorne* during the Admiral's being there.

He anchored in the Road the 19th of *September*, in the Night, (as I have already acquainted you) and next Day in the Afternoon the Town fired five Guns, soon after which the Governour sent off some Officers to welcome Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* into those Parts, and to acquaint him that the five Guns from the Town was intended a Salute to the Queen of *England's* Flag. This not giving Satisfaction, he sent him Word he was much surprized at it, and that he could not receive any Compliment, nor admit of any Visit, until due Honour was paid to Her Majesty in this Point. Answer was made that they gave no more Guns to Sir *John Narbrough*, the Duke of *Grafton*, nor Admiral *Aylmer*, who all bore the same Flag. But here it is to be observed, that the Case was very different; for although Sir *Cloudesly Shovell's* Flag was the same with those they bore, yet it was accompanied with several others, both *English* and *Dutch*, whereas their's were single.

Dispute about Salutes at Livorne.

Next Day Sir *Lambert Blackwell*, Her Majesty's Envoy, came on board the Admiral, and informed him that several Couriers had passed to and from *Florence*, in relation to the Salute, and it took up three Days before any Resolution was taken by the *Grand Duke*; but on the 24th the *English* Vice-Consul, with the Captain of the Port, came aboard from the Governour of *Livorne*, who promised, that the Citadel, from whence all Salutes are made, should fire eleven Guns, if the Admiral would engage to return Gun for Gun, which he assured them should be done, whereupon they went immediately ashore, and the Salute was accordingly made, and answered, soon after which the *Dutch* Admiral saluted the Citadel with eleven Guns, they returning the same Number.

Salutes agreed upon.

The 28th the Count *de Lemberg*, Ambassador from his Imperial Majesty at *Rome*, came on board the Admiral, and acquainted him that the Arch-duke was proclaimed King of *Spain*, whereupon he and the rest of our Flag-Officers fired twenty one Guns each, and all the other Ships fifteen; the *Dutch* firing likewise, soon after the Ambassador had rowed along the Side of their Admiral, for he did not go on board of his Ship.

Guns fired upon the Arch-duke's being proclaimed King of Spain.

The Winds continued Westerly, and Southerly, with hard Gales, which obliged Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* to remain at *Livorne* until the 2d of *October*, when a *Levant* springing up he sailed, but it failing soon after, he met with great Difficulty in getting Westward of *Corfica*, where he arrived not before the 10th of *October*: And before he sailed from *Livorne* he writ to the Great Duke, demanding Satisfaction, in Her Majesty's Name, as he was directed, who promised fair, but performed little.

The Fleet proceeds homeward.

The Day he parted from the said Port of *Livorne*, he gave Orders to Captain *Swanton* * of the *Exeter* to proceed with several Ships to *Tunis* and *Tripoli*, and commissioned him and Captain *Arris*, together with the Consuls at those Places to renew and confirm, in Her

Captains deputed to treat with Tunis and Tripoli.

* Since Comptroller of the Navy.

Majesty's Name, the Treaties of Peace and Commerce with them, and to deliver Her Majesty's Presents. When that was done Capt. *Swanton*, together with the *Tartar*, was ordered to join the *Smyrna* Convoy at that Place, and Captain *Arriis*, with the *Flamborough*, and *Terrible* Fireship, to sail to *Cyprus* and *Scanderoon*, to strengthen the Convoy to the Trade there; but the *Exeter* and *Tartar* met not those they were sent in Search of.

The Admiral being got as low as the Island of *Corsica* before-mentioned, he ordered Rear-Admiral *Byng*, with five Third Rates to proceed to *Algier*, and renew the Peace with that Government, and after he had so done to join the Fleet, if possible, before he got through the *Streights*, otherwise to make the best of his Way to *England*.

Rear-Admiral Byng appointed to treat with the Algerines.

On the 12th, between Nine and Ten at Night, there arose a sudden Storm of Wind, with Lightning, Rain, and Thunder, which did considerable Damage to the Ships in their Masts, Sails, and Rigging; but it lasted not long; so that the Fleet jogging down the *Streights*, they were off *Altea* the 22d, where they anchored, and landed between three and four hundred Marines, to protect the Men employed in filling Water.

The Fleet comes to Altea.

The Admiral having promised the Alcayd of *Alcazar*, that when he returned down the *Streights* he would offer to him Articles for Peace between Her Majesty and the Emperor of *Morocco*, he accordingly empower'd Mr. *Tertius Spencer*, a Merchant in *Barbary*, to present them, and by Letter to the Alcayd excused his not calling on him; for being obliged to proceed forthwith home, he ordered Sir *Thomas Hardy* in the *Bedford*, together with the *Somerset*, and *Lizard*, to stretch a-head, and having put the Papers ashore at *Tangier*, to make the best of his Way to *England*, if he could not timely join the Fleet.

Deputation to treat with the Emperor of Morocco.

The 27th the Admiral met with a Ship of *Algier*, of 26 Guns, becalmed in the *Streights* Mouth; and since the *Dutch* had War with that Government, he protected her until such time as they were all past by; and being informed that there were several Merchant Ships in the Ports of *Portugal*, which waited for Convoy to *England*, he ordered Sir *Andrew Leake* in the *Grafton*, with another Third Rate, a Fourth, a Fifth, and a Fireship, to proceed to *Lisbon*, and to protect the said Trade to the *Downs*.

The Admiral protects an Algerine from the Dutch.

The Fleet arrived off of the Isle of *Wight* the 16th of *November*, the *Dutch* having crouded away for their Ports, and soon after the Admiral came to an Anchor in the *Downs*, who during the whole Voyage met with such favourable Weather (except the short Storm beforementioned) that the Ships were little the worse for the Expedition, but many of the Men were sick and weak, and not less than fifteen hundred died; but before he made the Land Captain *Norris* in the *Orford*, a Ship of the Third Rate, together with the *Warspight* of 70 Guns, and the *Litchfield* of 50, being a-head of the Fleet, gave Chace to a *French* Ship of War, and beginning to engage about Eight at Night, the Dispute continued until Two in the Morning, when having lost her Fore-top-mast, and all her Sails,

The Fleet arrives in the Downs.

and

A French Ship called the Hazardous taken.

and her standing and running Rigging being much shattered, she struck. This Ship came from *Newfoundland*, was commanded by Monsieur *de la Rue*, was named the *Hazardous*, and had 50 Guns mounted, with three hundred and seventy Men, but had more Ports, and was larger than any of our 60 Gun Ships, so that she was register'd in the List of our Royal Navy.

C H A P. XV.

Containing an Account of the Damages done by the violent Storm in 1703.

AS it hath too often happened to Merchants, that when their Ships have been almost in View of the design'd Port, some unlucky Accident hath dashed all their hopes, and entirely deprived them of the longed-for Loading, so it almost fared with Sir *Cloudesty Shovell*, and the Ships of War which failed with him from the *Downs* towards the River, which were the *Triumph*, *Association*, and *St. George*, Second Rates, and the *Cambridge*, *Russel*, *Dorsetshire*, *Royal Oak*, and *Revenge*, of the Third Rate; for on the 27th Day of *November*, between the Hours of Two and Five in the Morning, when he was at Anchor at the *Gunfleet*, a violent Storm arose at W. S. W. the like whereof hath scarcely happen'd in the Memory of Man. To describe the many unhappy Accidents which attended this Tempest, is altogether impossible; and therefore since those who were both Ear and Eye-Witnesses to it on shore, must doubtless retain a lively Sense of its Fury, I shall only relate what Damages the Publick sustained at Sea, without particularizing the great Losses of the Merchants in their Shipping, and of the Nation, by the unhappy drowning of so considerable a Number of our Seafaring People.

Damages sustained in the Storm.

Sir *Cloudesty Shovell* himself veered out more than three Cables of his best Bower, but it was not long before the Anchor broke. Soon after the Tiller of the Rudder gave way, and before the Rudder itself could be secured, it was torn from the Ship, which shook her Stern-Post so much, that she proved very leaky, insomuch that four Chain, and one Hand Pump were constantly employ'd to keep her free. This obliged them to let go the Sheet-Anchor, and to veer out to it all the Cables, but even that did not ride the Ship, for she continued driving near a Sand called the *Galloper*, the Breach whereof was in their View. In this Extremity the Admiral ordered the Main-mast to be cut by the Board, by which the Ship being much eased, she rid fast; but four of the eight which came out of the *Downs* with him were missing, namely the *Association*, *Russel*, *Revenge*, and *Dorsetshire*, of which I come now to give an Account.

The Admiral cuts away his Main-mast.

Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, Vice-Admiral of the Red, had his Flag flying in the *Association*, and her Cable parting about Four in the Morning, the Pilot let go the Sheet-Anchor, and veer'd out a Cable and a half, but the Ship not looking towards it, she drove about Seven in the Morning over the North End of the *Gallop*, in eight Fathom Water, where there broke against her so great a Sea, that it made her lie along for some time, without any hopes of her righting again. The Ship soon drove into deeper Water, and dragged her small Bower Anchor, with the best Bower, and Sheet Cables; but at length, by the help of a Piece of the Sprit-sail, (the Wind being too violent for more) they wore her, and brought her to with her Head Northward.

Association forced from her Anchors, and gets to Gottenburgh.

The 27th at Night they drove with Yards and Top-masts down, and the next Morning judged themselves drawing near the Coast of *Holland*, some of the other Ships being then in sight making the best shift for themselves they could. In fine, it was not without the greatest Difficulty and Hazard, that the Vice-Admiral got away with her at length into the Harbour of *Gottenburgh*, towards which Place he sometimes drove, and sometimes sailed, as Winds and Weather would permit. He arrived there the 11th of *December*, having for some time being given over as lost, for there was not any News of him until I received his Letter, which bore that Date, he having lost three Anchors, and five Cables, together with the Long-boat and Pinnace; and the great want of Provisions, and other Necessaries in that cold Country, mightily pinched the poor Men who had suffered so much before.

Being furnished from *Copenhagen* (and that in a very friendly manner) with what Anchors, Cables, and other things were necessary for the Security of the Ship in her Passage home, he arrived at the *Gunfleet* the 15th of *January* (the Place he was driven from in the violent Storm) with several Merchant Ships under his Convoy; where he had not been long at an Anchor, e'er another severe Gale of Wind happen'd, which might have been well accounted a Storm, had not the prodigious Violence of the other, and its dreadful Effects, been fresh in Memory; but it pleased God the Ship rid fast without farther Damage.

The *Revenge*, commanded by Captain *William Kerr*, was likewise forced from her Anchors, and drove over the North End of the *Gallop* in less than four Fathom Water, as her Captain gave an Account; and as soon as Day appear'd, the *Association*, *Russell*, and *Dorsetshire* were in sight of her, driving with their Heads to the Southward. Captain *Kerr* some time after put for *Helvoetsluys*, on the Coast of *Holland*, having neither Anchors nor Cables, but the Wind dullering, he could not reach that Harbour, so that he stood off again, and some time after meeting with the *Nottingham*, (which Ship, as well as others, was sent out with Anchors, Cables, &c. to assist those in Distress) he by that means chop'd to an Anchor in *Southwold Bay*, and afterwards brought his Ship safe into the River *Medway*.

The Revenge in great danger.

The *Russell* was in like manner forced from the *Gunfleet*; for between Twelve and One at Night her best Bower Cable parted; whereupon

The Russell forced to the Coast of Holland.

upon Captain *Isaac Townsend* *, her Commander, let go the Sheet-Anchor, and small Bower, but those could not sustain the Violence of the Wind. At Four in the Morning he was obliged to cut away his Long-boat, and immediately after lost his Rudder, which caused a Leak in the Stern-Post, and much Water came into the Bread and Fish Rooms. In this Distress the Poop and Quarter-Deck Guns were thrown overboard, the better to draw the Water to the Pumps, by poising the fore part of the Ship, which was much lightned by the want of the Anchors and Cables; and this had, in a great measure, its desired Effect. On Sunday the Wind was at W. N. W. and N. W. and it being judged that the Ships drew near to *Goree*, it was concluded that she must unavoidably drive on shore by Midnight. The Captain therefore ordered two Guns to be slung with the Top-Chains, and made them fast to the Sheet Cables, that so her Drift to the Land might be the slower; and at Six at Night falling into twelve and fourteen Fathom Water, he had sight of a Light, which he took to be either the Island of *Goree*, or of *Schowen*. At half an Hour past Ten the Ship came into seven Fathom Water, and then her Commander let go his Stream, and frapt it to a Kedge Anchor, in hopes the Cable which the Guns were made fast to, and this veered to the better end, would ride her in so shoal Water, but she came Head to Wind in five Fathom, and, dragging all home, tailed into four, when she struck twice, but not violently. The Water deepen'd to five, six, seven, and eight Fathom, and it was very smooth, but the Stream Cable soon broke, and cast the Ship Northward, so that she drove with the Wind on the Beam, and a great Breach was seen right to Leeward; whereupon they cut away the Cables, and set her Fore-sail and Fore-top-sail, with all possible Diligence, by which they were in four Fathom and a half, and immediately the Ship struck, but swimming still by the Stern, the Blow put her right before the Wind, and so she miraculously got over the Shoal, after she had touched several times. The Water soon deepen'd from four to twelve Fathom, and then became gradually lower, until they pitched her on shore on the Ouze, about two Miles below *Helvoet-Sluis*, a little after Three in the Morning; from whence, by the great Pains, and particular Industry of her Commander, she was gotten off, and put in a Condition to come to *England* in little time.

The Dorsetshire in very great danger.

The fourth Ship which was thus driven from the *Gunfleet* was the *Dorsetshire*, mounted with 80 Guns. Captain *Edward Whittaker* †, her Commander, found himself under such Circumstances as not to be able to set any Sail, but was forced to lie at the Mercy of the Sea, and Wind, which drove him directly upon the Tail of the *Gallopier*, where she struck three times, but received little or no Damage. He made a very hard shift to keep the Sea, and arrived at the *Nore* the 15th of *December*, having in his Passage taken up a small Bower Anchor and Cable which belonged to another Ship,

* Since a Commissioner of the Navy.

† Since Knighted, and a Flag-Officer.

and were of very great Service to him, for he had lost most of his own.

These Ships, and those which rid fast at the *Gunfleet*, miraculously escaped, but it fared not so well with the Men of War and Merchant Ships in the *Downs*. Of the former there were lost on the *Goodwin Sands* the *Mary*, a Ship of 60 Guns, and the *Northumberland*, *Restauration*, and *Sterling-Castle*, each of 70; nor were there more than eighty Men saved of the whole Number which belonged to them. Rear-Admiral *Beaumont*, whose Flag was flying in the *Mary*, perished among the rest: A Gentleman who was very much lamented, and that deservedly too; for he was not only every way qualified to serve his Country, but was thus unhappily snatch'd away even in the Prime of his Years.

Ships lost in the Downs. where Rear-Admiral Beaumont perished.

Al' though the *Prince George*, where Vice-Admiral *Leake's* Flag was flying, as also the *Essex*, *Shrewsbury*, *Eagle*, *Content*, *Chatham*, *Affiance*, *Mary Gally*, and *Hunter* Firehip, happily rid it out in the *Downs*, with all their Masts standing, yet the *Nassau*, a Ship of 70 Guns, cut away her Main-mast, the *Guardland* and *Dunwich* all their Masts, as the *Postillion-Prize* did her Main and Mizzen; and there were five great Ships, with two small ones, seen riding to the Northward with all their Masts by the Board.

Other Misfortunes from the Storm.

It was a miserable Sight to behold many of the Ships in the *Downs*; for as they were almost torn in pieces by the Violence of the Wind, so was it not possible to give them any help from the Shore, even when they were in the greatest Extremity, and continually firing Guns for Relief; besides the Wind was at W. S. W. and they could not possibly carry a Knot of Sail to enable them to cling the Shore, so that many of them perished on the *Goodwin Sands*, and of about one hundred sixty Sail, of all sorts, which were in the *Downs* the Day before, not more than seventy were seen the next Morning, and many of them were only floating Bottoms, for all their Masts were gone by the Board; but several of the Merchant Ships and Vessels missing were afterwards heard of either in *Holland*, *Norway*, or the Ports of this Kingdom.

Great Damage done in the Downs.

Among the Ships at *Spithead*, the *Vesuvius* Fireship was stranded near *Southsea-Castle*, but her Men were all saved, and she was afterwards got off with great Difficulty. The *Firebrand* Fireship lost her Main-mast, and the *Jefferies* Hospital Ship knock'd her Rudder off upon the Sand called the *Spit*. The *Newcastle*, of 50 Guns, as also the *Litchfield-Prize*, a Fifth Rate, were forced on shore, the latter being afterwards got off, but there was not more than twenty four of the Men belonging to the former saved, of which Number the Carpenter was the only Officer. The *Burlington*, a Fourth Rate, lost all her Masts, and the Merchant Ships and Vessels which were at *Spithead* suffered greatly, insomuch that the Coast thereabouts was almost cover'd with dead Bodies.

Mischief done at Spithead.

Several Ships of War were at this time in *Tarmouth Roads*, namely the *Portland*, *Advice*, and *Triton*, all Fourth Rates, and the *Nightingale* a Fifth, which rid out the Storm without much Damage; but the 27th, about Eight in the Morning, the *Reserve*, a

Damage in Yarmouth Roads.

Fourth Rare, was seen with all her Masts gone, and only her Ensign Staff standing, firing Guns for help, which it was impossible to give her, so that about twelve a Clock she founder'd, and not one Soul belonging to her was saved. The *Lynn* and *Margate*, by other Ships driving on board them, were obliged to cut away their Masts, and rid in no little Danger near St. *Nicholas* Sand. A rich Merchant Ship, bound for the *Scaw*, was drove on the said Sand, and sinking within three Hours, the Sea broke over her, but the *Lynn* fortunately took up her Men; and of a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships and Vessels which were in the Road, but few were seen the next Day, some of them being driven out to Sea, and others Shipwreck'd on the Sands.

To particularize all the Disasters which happen'd by this dreadful Tempest, would almost of itself require a just Volume, so numerous were the dismal Effects of it all along the Coast; nay the very Ships in our Harbours escap'd not its Violence; for, among other Accidents the *Vanguard*, of 90 Guns, was forced from her Moorings in *Chatham* River, and by that means render'd unfit for farther Service; but this Loss, indeed, as it happen'd, was inconsiderable, since she was so weak before as to require rebuilding.

A Second Rate driven on shore at Chatham.

Rear-Admiral Beaumont's Proceedings off of Dunkirk, and elsewhere, for some Months before he perished in the Storm.

1703.

Rear-Admiral *Beaumont* had, all the preceding Summer, to the time of his unfortunate Loss lately mentioned, been employ'd with a Squadron of Ships which were particularly appointed to look after thole at *Dunkirk* and *Ostend*, of whose Proceedings on that Service it will be proper in this Place to give some Account.

The 29th of *May* he sent Advice to the Lord High-Admiral of the *Dunkirkers* being at Sea, he having seen them in the Road the Afternoon of the 28th, but though he had even discovered them going out, it would have been impossible for him at that time to have got up his Anchors.

Upon this Intelligence several Orders were sent by Express, giving Caution to all the Sea-Ports, and for stopping the Convoys which were Northward, and the Rear-Admiral proceeding in search of the Enemy, got sight of them from the Mast head, the 6th of *June*, at Four in the Morning, in the Latitude of 56^d. He had little Wind until eleven a Clock, and then they making what Sail they could from him, he chased them all that Day, but could not come nearer than four Leagues, and at Nine the next Night lost sight of them, so that returning to the *Downs*, he sailed again from thence the 20th of *June*, and anchored off of *Newport*, where he joined a Squadron of thirteen *Dutch* Ships under Command of Admiral *Callemberg* and Vice-Admiral *Evertsen*. About this time there was a Design of besieging *Ostend*, and the *English* and *Dutch* were to block it up, and attack it by Sea; but it was found impracticable to anchor with the smaller Ships nearer the Place than four Miles, or with the Fourth Rates nearer than eight, with any manner of Safety; nor could it have been bombard'd without a Number of small Frigates to have oppos'd the Attempts from their Gallies; and as there would have been great Difficulties met with in landing the Artillery, so did not the *Dutch* care much for the Guns of the Gallies, being

Rear-Admiral Beaumont gets sight of the Dunkirkers,

but

returns to the Downs.

being apprehensive that they might sink the Frigates at a very considerable Distance, because they could throw a Shot much farther than the Cannon on board the Men of War; so that this Design was given over.

The 26th of *July* at Night the Rear-Admiral arrived in the *Downs*, and soon after was ordered to cruise for the *Russia* and *East-Country* Trade expected from those Parts, on which Service (pursuant to Orders afterwards sent him) he proceeded as far as *Gottenburgh*, where he arrived the 19th of *September*, with six Fourth Rates, and two Fifths. There he found the four Convoys to the *East-Country* Trade, whose Captains had been at *Maellstrand* or *Masterlandt*, (in the Neighbourhood of that Place) and met in that Port with six *French* Ships of War, three of them of 50 Guns, one of 40, one of 36, and one of 32; but under the Cover of the Guns, neither one nor the other were permitted to do any Act of Hostility. They had been there six Weeks, and were commanded by Monsieur *St. Paul*, with whom and his Officers our Captains had spoken, who, by what they could gather, expected to be joined by others, and then were to look out for the *Dutch Greenland* Ships, and our *Russia* Trade; but although ours had the good Fortune to escape them, the *Dutch* suffered very considerably in theirs, as their Fishery to the North, and their Convoys, had done from some *French* Privateers not long before. The Rear-Admiral received Advice that these Ships of the Enemy sailed from *Masterlandt* the 23d of *September*, which it was altogether impossible for him to prevent, as being in no Condition to put to Sea, for he was in want of Water and divers other Necessaries: But having furnished himself in the best manner he could, he left *Gottenburgh* the 8th of *October* with seventy four Merchant Ships under his Convoy, and arrived in the *Downs* the 19th, having appointed the *Triton* and *Lynn* to protect home those which were not ready to accompany him; and on this Service against the *Dunkirkers* he continued, until himself and many more Officers and Men unhappily lost their Lives, as is before related.

Rear-Admiral Beaumont proceeds to Gottenburgh, and heard of the French at Masterlandt.

The Dutch Fishing Ships seized by the French.

Rear-Admiral Beaumont comes to the Downs.

And now if we take a View of the Disposition of our Naval Strength this last Year, it may not be unnecessary to make some Remark on our Affairs at home, when such a Force was sent so remote with Sir *Cloudeley Shovell*, as four Second Rates, twenty four Thirds, and seven Fourths, and other Ships and Vessels of less Force. When this is consider'd, and that there were nine Third Rates, thirty four Fourths, and ten Fifths, actually in the *West-Indies*, and other foreign Parts, and not more in Pay for guarding the Chanel, and protecting the Trade, between the Months of *July* and *October*, than forty one Ships of the Line of Battel, *viz.* two First Rates, three Seconds, nine Thirds, and twenty one Fourths, some of which were on the Coast of *Ireland* with Rear-Admiral *Dilkes*, others dispersed up and down the Chanel, and employ'd as Convoys to the Colliers, and on divers necessary Services; I say, when these Circumstances are considered, it cannot but appear somewhat strange that the Enemy did not endeavour to insult us; and the rather, for that, by all

Remark on our sending so great a strength abroad, and leaving the Nation exposed.

Accounts which were received of them, they had near sixty Ships of the Line of Battel at *Brest*, *Port Louis*, *Rocheport*, *Dunkirk*, and other Ports in these Seas, and possibly might have set them forth before we could have got our divided Fleet together, or mann'd other Ships in our Harbours whose Hulls were fit for Service, which were no more than three First, as many Seconds, eight Thirds, and two Fourth Rates, and they would have required eight thousand seven hundred and eighty five Men: Nor was there any Prospect at this time of our being strengthened by any of the Ships of War of the States-General, the twelve they sent with *Sir Cloudesty Shovell* being all that joined our whole Fleet this Year, which were in Number two hundred and seventeen, whereof one hundred and sixteen were from 100 to 50 Guns; and (according to their Complements) required at least fifty two thousand Men, reckoning those in Service at home, and in the *Streights* at their highest Number, and those in the *West-Indies*, and other remote Parts, at no more than their middle Complements.

C H A P. XVI.

Containing an Account of Sir George Rooke's carrying to Lisbon the Arch-Duke of Austria, and of his Proceedings afterwards to, and engaging the French Fleet in the Mediterranean, when joined by Sir Cloudesty Shovell.

1703.

THE Arch-Duke of *Austria*, second Son to his Imperial Majesty, being proclaimed King of *Spain* at *Vienna*, took his Journey towards *Holland* soon after, in order to his Majesty's embarking, with his Ministers and Retinue, on board some *English* and *Dutch* Ships of War appointed to attend him to *Lisbon*, where he was expected with great Impatience, that so both he and his Ally, the King of *Portugal*, might timely take the Field with their Forces against the Duke of *Anjou*, who had been advanced to the *Spanish* Throne by his Grandfather the *French* King.

Sir George Rooke, Vice-Admiral of *England*, and Admiral of the Fleet, was appointed by Her Majesty to conduct this young King to *Lisbon*, and setting sail for *Holland*, in order to receive his Majesty on board, arrived in the *Maes* the 16th of *October*, where the King was expected the Night following.

The Admiral sent back the *Northumberland*, a Third Rate, (one of those afterwards unhappily lost in the Storm on the *Goodwin*) because she was too big to go into *Goree*, and the *Panther's* Masts being sprung, she was ordered to *Portsmouth* to be refitted; so that he kept with him only the *Tiger*, *Newport*, and a few other Ships; but since the *Woolwich*, *Swallow*, *Vigo*, and *Swan* were designed on this Service, he press'd their being sent over without Delay, for that

that the Retinue of his Catholick Majesty would, for want of them, be very much incommoded, especially since no more than two of the twelve *Dutch* Ships were yet ready.

The Forces began to embark on board the Transport-Ships the 26th, and Count *Wratislaw*, the Emperor's Envoy to our Court, but then in *Holland*, desiring to know whether the Admiral would answer for the Security of the Person of the King of *Spain* from the *Dunkirk* Ships, in his Passage to *Spithead*, in regard there was yet but few *English* and *Dutch* Ships of War to convoy his Majesty as far as the *Downs*, he judged this a Matter of so much Consequence as to advise with the *English* Captains then present, who were all of Opinion that if the Convoy could be made up to eight Ships of War, either by the *Dutch*, or by the Arrival of any from *England*, it might be a sufficient Force to secure His Majesty, as well as the Transport Ships, to the *Downs*, where they would meet with an additional Force to accompany them to *Spithead*.

Neither the Ships from *Zeeland*, nor those expected from *England* were arrived the 5th of *November*, and therefore the States-General agreed that Admiral *Callemberg*, with those from the *Texel*, should come before the *Maes*, and join the Ships and Yachts from *Goree*, but in this the said Admiral was prevented, for in his Passage from the *Texel*, he was driven by the violent Storm far Northward, which separated, and much shattered his Squadron, as well as the Transport Ships, insomuch that he did not arrive at *Spithead*, in a considerable time after.

Ships wanting to convoy His Majesty from Holland.

The Troops being embarked, and the King of *Spain* on board, the Admiral sailed, but the Winds taking him contrary, and blowing hard, his Majesty thought it convenient to go on Shore the 11th of *November*, and accordingly was carried up to *Rotterdam*, from whence he went to the *Hague*, but took very few of his Retinue, and little of his Baggage with him, that so he might be in the greater Readiness to put to Sea upon the first Opportunity, which the *English* and *Dutch* Officers were of Opinion they ought not to do with the Wind farther Southerly than the S. E. or E. S. E., considering the Season of the Year, and the Number of Transports they were to take Care of.

The King comes on board, but goes on Shore again.

Before the King left *Holland*, the Storm (which I have already given an Account of) put both the Ships of War and Transports in very great Disorder. The *Vigo*, a Ship of the Fourth Rate, (formerly our *Dartmouth*, and taken from the *French* at *Vigo*) was driven ashore just upon the West Pier-head of *Helvoet-Sluis*; but all the Officers and Men, as well as those who belonged to the King of *Spain* were fortunately saved.

Several Ships in Holland suffer by the great Storm.

The *Rochester*, a Fourth Rate, lost her Main and Fore-top masts, and by another Ship's driving athwart her Hawse, she narrowly escaped being on shore. Many of the Transport Ships were on the Ground, but the *Woolwich*, *Swallow*, *Tiger*, and *Greenwich* had the good Luck to ride it out. Some of them drove on board the *Newport*, a small Frigate, and carrying away her Bow-sprit, she was forced to cut all her Masts away, but was brought safe into the Pier;

Pier; and the *Swan* was forced on Shore, but afterwards got off again.

To make good these Misfortunes the States-General caused the utmost Assistance to be given, but by reason of Damages sustained, especially by the Transport Ships, it was almost impossible to be in a Readiness to prosecute the Voyage in less time than a Month, for there was a Necessity of digging out of the Mud those that were on Shore; but since several of them could not with all Endeavours be gotten off, others were hired in their room and fitted in the best manner that could be.

When every thing was in a Readiness, their sailing was for some time prevented by Fogs and Calms, but at length the Admiral got out, and joined Rear-Admiral *Vanderdussen* with five Dutch Ships of War, having four Fourth Rates, and one Fifth of ours, with which he arrived at *Spithead*. There came out but thirteen Transport Ships, the rest being left behind, for the Admiral was expressly ordered by the Queen to sail with the first fair Wind, and to take with him such of those Vessels as should then be ready.

The Duke of *Somerset*, Master of the Horse to the Queen, and the Duke of *Marlborough*, Captain-General of Her Majesty's Forces, were appointed to go on board the Squadron at *Spithead*, and to wait on His Catholick Majesty on Shore; and His Royal Highness the Prince of *Denmark* met him on the Road to *Windsor*, where the Queen, and many of the Nobility came some time before to receive him. His Majesty remained a small time at Court, where he was not only entertained in every respect suitable to his Dignity, but very much to his Satisfaction, and then taking leave of the Queen, he set forward for *Portsmouth*, in order to prosecute his Voyage to *Lisbon*, where His Majesty was altogether as impatient to be as the King of *Portugal* and his People were for His Presence.

There was a Necessity of remaining some time at *Spithead* to receive on board the Marines, to shift the King's Retinue, and to make Draughts of Men from other Ships to put those designed to accompany His Majesty in a sailing Condition; but on the 4th of *January* the Admiral was unmoored, and on the 6th stood towards the Back of the Isle of *Wight* to join the Transport Ships which went through the *Needles*.

Next Morning he was off of the *Start*, having sent the *Swallow* before to *Plimouth* to call the Ships from thence; and on the 12th he reached the Latitude of 46^l and 21^m, where he met with Westerly Winds and very bad Weather, inso much that he was obliged to bring to about Eleven that Night with his Head to the Northward, and the Storm continued until Saturday Noon, when it somewhat abating, in the Evening it was quite calm. The Squadron was the 15th drove back into the Latitude of 48^l 42^m, and next Morning there appeared some Hopes of a fair Wind, but at Ten a Clock it came again to the S. W. giving great Suspensions of bad Weather. The *Cornwall* was at this time missing, as well as the *Expedition*, *Norfolk*, and *Lancaster*, four Ships of the Third Rate, as were many

This much delays. The King of Spain's Page.

Sir George Rooke comes to Spithead.

Prince George and others, went to complement His Catholick Majesty. His Majesty came to Windsor, and from thence returned to Portsmouth.

The Fleet sails again.

of the Transports, and Merchant Ships; and the Admiral being apprehensive that it would be a tempestuous Night (as indeed it proved) he, with the Advice of Admiral *Callemberg*, bore away for *Torbay*, the Place of Rendezvous, that so he might the better get together the scattered Fleet.

Bad Weather forced them out of the Sea to Torbay.

About Midnight it blew so very hard at W. and W. by N. that the Ships were obliged to strike their Yards and Top-masts, and the *Humber* making twelve Foot Water in a Watch, she was sent away to *Spithead* to be refitted, and lucky it was she continued nor longer at Sea, for in all likelihood she would have founder'd.

The Admiral, pursuant to Orders, came to *Spithead* with the Squadron, but the King of *Spain* was very desirous to have proceeded on his Voyage with the Ships which were together in *Torbay*. His Majesty went on Shore at *Portsmouth*, where he remained some time, and the Wind coming up to the N. E. the 1st of *February*, he designed, had it continued, to have embarked the next Day in the Afternoon, but it proved calm all Night, and the Morning following.

The Squadron comes to Spithead.

Her Majesty considering of what Consequence it was that the King of *Spain* should be in *Portugal* as soon as it was possible, and with how much Earnestness His Majesty did press to proceed on his Voyage, was pleased to send Orders to the Admiral the 1st of *February*, to sail as soon as such a Number of Transport Ships could be got ready as might carry six thousand of the Troops. Hereupon he called a Council of War, where were present, Vice-Admiral *Leake*, and Captain *Wishart*, and of the *Dutch*, Admiral *Callemberg*, and Rear-Admiral *Vanderdussen*. They determined that since all the Transport Ships might be ready, whenever the Wind should permit them to sail, it was necessary to proceed with as many Ships of War for their Security as could possibly be spared from other Services, and that since there would be left behind no other Transports than those which were in *Holland*, it was judged that eight Men of War, and such other Ships of the *English* Quota for Service on the Coast of *Portugal*, as could be timely put into a Condition, would be a sufficient Convoy for them.

The Queen press'd Sir George Rooke to put to Sea again.

They also represented it to be absolutely necessary, that all possible Diligence should be used in sending to *Lisbon* the Remainder of the thirty eight *English* Ships which were to join the nineteen *Dutch*, then at, and going to *Portugal*; for there was reason to apprehend the Enemy would get a strong Squadron together early in the Spring, and endeavour to block up our Ships in the *Tajo*, by which they would have had it in their Power to have intercepted all such as should be bound from *England*, and to disappoint the whole Summer's Service; whereas if the Fleet rendezvous'd early at *Lisbon*, it was judged they might be able to prevent the Enemy's joining their Fleets of the *Mediterranean* and *Ocean*, and to perform other Services on the Coast of *Spain*.

The Flag officers desired to be reinforced at Lisbon.

After a very fine Passage of thirteen Days, the Squadron and Transports arrived in the River of *Lisbon* on the 25th of *February*, without so much as one ill Accident, and the Ceremonies for the Re-

The Squadron arrives at Lisbon.

King of Portugal comes on board.

ception of the King of *Spain* being adjusted, which took up some time, the King of *Portugal*, with the young Princes, and many of the Nobility, came on board the 27th, and accompanied his Catholick Majesty on shore to the Apartment prepared for him in the Palace, where he was entertained with very great Magnificence, and all Expressions of Joy.

Some Overtures made about striking the English Flag.

Among other Debates about settling the Ceremonies, the Business of the Flag was considered, the King of *Portugal* desiring that upon his coming on board in his Vessel of State, and striking his Standard, the *English* Flag might be struck at the same time, and that when His Catholick Majesty with himself should go off from the Ship, his Standard might be hoisted, and the Admiral's Flag continue struck until they were on shore. This Proposition was made from the King of *Portugal* by the King of *Spain*, to which the Admiral reply'd, that His Majesty, so long as he should be on board, might command the Flag to be struck when he pleas'd, but that whenever he left the Ship, he was himself Admiral, and oblig'd to execute his Commission, by hoisting his Flag; this, and some other Reasons, satisfied the King of *Spain*, as well as his *Portuguese* Majesty, so that the Flag of *England* was no longer struck than the Standard of *Portugal*.

It was recommended to the Admiral to secure our Turkey Trade, &c.

It was particularly recommended to the Admiral to endeavour to secure the *Turky* Trade in their Passage from the *Levant*, and to intercept the Ships from *Buenos Ayres* suddenly expected in some Port of *Spain*, one of which was already arriv'd at *Cadiz*, and the *Dutch* Cruisers had the good Fortune to force a *Spanish* Vice-Admiral on shore near *Lagos*, which Ship carry'd 60 Guns, and was richly loaden.

A Council of War held.

A Council of War was held on board the *Royal Katharine* at *Lisbon* the 29th of *February*, where were present the Admiral, Admiral *Callemberg*, Rear-Admiral *Dilkes*, Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer*, Rear-Admiral *Wisbart*, and Rear-Admiral *Vanderdussen*. They considered of the Orders from his Royal Highness, dated the 16th of *November*, which directed that all possible Endeavours should be used to intercept Monsieur *D'Arteloire* in his Passage from *Cadiz* to the *West-Indies*, and hindering any Ships joining him at that Port; as also Her Majesty's Orders of the 1st of *January*, for securing the *Turky* Fleet in their Passage through the *Streights*, and the Earl of *Nottingham*'s Letter of the 2d of *February*, advising that three *Spanish* Ships were suddenly expected from *Buenos Ayres*. Upon the whole it was resolv'd that, for the Performance of the aforesaid Services, the Countenance and Protection of our Trade in general, the intercepting and disturbing the Enemy, and hindering them from sending their Ships of War by small Squadrons either to or from *East* or *West-France*, ten or eleven *English*, and six or seven *Dutch* Men of War should be sent to cruise between Cape St. *Vincent*, Cape St. *Mary's*, and Cape *Spartell*, and on that Service to continue thirty Days, unless Circumstances of Affairs should render it necessary for them to repair sooner to the Squadron.

Agreed to send a Squadron off of Cape *Spartell*, &c.

The 2d of *March* Vice-Admiral *Leake* arrived at *Lisbon* with the *Newark*, *Tyger*, *Guardland*, and the Transports with the Remainder of the Troops, and with these Ships failed the Trade bound to *Portugal* that could not have an Opportunity of going with Sir *George Rooke*. Three Days after a Council of War was called, where were present the Admiral, Vice-Admiral *Leake*, Rear-Admiral *Dilkes*, and Rear-Admiral *Wishart*, and of the *Dutch*, Admiral *Callemberg*, and Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer*. They read several Advices of the Preparations the Enemy were making, and adhered to what had been determined at the former Council of War of the 29th of the last Month, for they were of opinion, that a Squadron of Ships appearing in the Sea would give great Countenance and Protection to our Commerce, and that several of our Ships which were clean might probably intercept small Squadrons of the Enemy's passing from one Sea to the other; and it was likewise judged there could be no Risque run from a greater Squadron of *French* Ships so early in the Year: Besides, it was hoped that at their Return from the Cruise, they might be enabled, by the Arrival of Ships from *England*, to form a Squadron of sufficient Strength to meet and oppose the Enemy's Fleets, either of *West-France*, or the Ports of the *Mediterranean*.

Vice-Admiral Leake arrives at Lisbon.

Another Council of War confirms the first.

The Detachment consisted of twenty two Ships, of which there were of the *English* six of 70 Guns, one of 60, four of 50, one of 40, one of 32, and one of 24; and of the *Dutch*, one of 92, two of 72, one of 68, one of 64, one of 62, one of 60, and one of 36, but the Winds hung contrary until the 7th, at which time the Admiral was not gotten clear of the Entrance of the River of *Lisbon*, at which Port he left Orders with Vice-Admiral *Leake* to remain with the rest of the Fleet, and to send the *Expedition* and *Advice* home with the Transport Ships and Trade.

Strength of the cruising Squadron.

The *Exeter* and *Tartar* arrived the 8th, having missed the Convoys which they were appointed, by Sir *Cloudesty Shovell*, to join from *Smyrna*, as hath been before observed; the former of which Ships the Admiral sent with the homeward-bound Convoy, and kept the latter with him, for he was in want of nimble Frigates.

The 9th of *March* he put to Sea, stretching away S. S. W. and next Day, a little before Noon, as he was hauling in towards Cape *St. Vincent*, a *Dutch* Privateer joined him from the Southward, which had seen the Night before a *Spanish* Ship of about 60 Guns, another with upwards of 50, and one of about 30, with a small Dogger, bearing then (as the Captain of the said Privateer judged) South, about ten Leagues distant. Hereupon the Admiral made all the Sail he was able, and sent away the *Suffolk*, *Panther*, and *Lark*, S. by E. and S. S. E. himself standing S. E. with the rest, being in hopes that by this means they could not escape him, or the *Dutch*, who came out the same Evening he did, but had not yet joined him. By the Signals the *Suffolk* and *Panther* made in the Evening, it was believed they had sight of them, and therefore Rear-Admiral *Dilkes* was sent to, to continue the Chase with the *Kent*, *Bedford*, and *Antelope*, the two former of 70 Guns, and the other 50, the Admiral

The Admiral puts to Sea, and receives Advice of some Spanish Ships.

letting him know he would himself stand with the rest towards Cape *Spartell*, that by cruising from thence to *Cadiz*, and covering the *Streights* Mouth, he might the better intercept any thing which should escape the Ships with the said Rear-Admiral.

Next Morning it blew very hard at W. S. W. and continued so all Day and Night, so that the Ships were forced to try under a Mizzen, but it being more moderate Weather on Sunday, he made the Capes *Spartell* and *Trafalgar*, and cruised off those Places until Thursday Morning, without seeing any thing, except a small *Spanish* Ship of about 70 Tuns, which the *Mountague* took under Cape *Spartell*, loaden with Horse-shoes, Nails, and some Rozin, (Materials much wanted by the *Spaniards*) the Master whereof gave an Account, that he came from St. *Sebastian's* seventeen Days before, in Company of three new *Spanish* Men of War, which he left about twenty five Leagues from *Cadiz*, and that they had in them Bombs, Carcasses, and other Ordnance-Stores.

The 17th in the Evening the Admiral was off of Cape St. *Mary's*, where the *Swallow* joined him, as the *Leopard* and *Charles-Gally* did the Day before, which two Ships had only met with, and forced on shore a *French* Ship of 30 Guns, and of about 300 Tuns, upon a Sand Bank near *Ayamonte*.

The Storm had so disabled the *Dutch* Ships which were on this Cruise, that Baron *Wassenaer* acquainted the Admiral he had not more than three, and those their worst Sailers, in a Condition to keep the Sea, and that he was returning to *Lisbon* to repair the rest for the Summer's Service; but Sir *George* himself determined to continue out until the end of this Month, or at least to the time agreed on at the Council of War of the 29th of *April*, and then to go, or send to *Tangier* for Intelligence of our *Turky* Ships, which (if they were got down towards the *Streights* Mouth) he judged might be put into *Tetuan* Bay for Provisions. And here I shall leave him for the present, and give some Account of Rear-Admiral *Dilkes* his Proceedings in chasing the afore-mention'd Ships of the Enemy.

On the 12th of *March*, between Eight and Nine in the Morning, he discovered four Sail on his Weather-Bow standing towards the North-East, which he chased W. by S. with the Wind at N. W. by W. having then in Company the *Kent*, *Bedford*, *Suffolk*, *Antelope*, and *Panther*, the three first Third Rates, and the other two Fourths. By Eleven he came up with them, they being three *Spanish* Ships, and the *Panther*, which was the headmost of ours, engaged them; the *Suffolk* getting the Wind of them did the same, as also the *Antelope* and the *Dutch* Privateer; insomuch that she of 60 Guns struck, after exchanging several Broadfides.

The Rear-Admiral could not get his own Ship in reach of them until Noon, and then engaging the Commadore, which was a Ship also of 60 Guns, she struck to him in a little time, as the third did soon after, which was a Merchant Ship of 24 Guns; and in this Action the *Panther* had her Fore-top-mast shot by the Board, the *Suffolk* her Main-mast, and the *Antelope's* Masts and Yards were wounded. The two Ships before-mentioned of 60 Guns were Gallcon

A farther Account of the *Spanish* Ships.

Dutch Ships disabled in a Storm.

Rear-Admiral *Dilkes* chases the *Spanish* Ships.

They come up and engage.

Spanish Ships taken.

Men of War, one called the *Porta Cæli*, and the other the *St. Theresa*, and came from *St. Sebastian's* with Bombs, Guns, Iron-Bars, &c. being bound for *Cadiz*, where (as 'twas reported) they were to be fitted out for the *West-Indies*, the Commadore Don *Diego Bicuna* having a Commission to command all the Fleet designed thither; and in these Ships were taken near seven hundred Prisoners.

By reason of bad Weather, Calms, and contrary Winds, the Rear-Admiral arrived not with his Prizes at *Lisbon* until the 25th of *March*, and, as he was going in, the *St. Theresa* was unfortunately lost on the *North Catchup*, but several of the Men which were in her, both *English* and *Spanish*, were saved, amongst whom was the Lieutenant of the *Suffolk*, who commanding the Prize, mistook (as was supposed) the Light of *St. Julian's Fort* for the Flag's own Light, and ihaped his Course accordingly.

The Admiral being now return'd to *Lisbon*, and having received Orders from Her Majesty to proceed up the *Streights*, he determined to sail in few Days, and to leave Directions for the Ships of War, Victualling, and Storeships, expected from *England*, how to join him. In the mean while he ordered Rear-Admiral *Wisbart* to lie off of *Cape St. Vincent* for Intelligence, with six Frigates and a Fireship, where, or at *Lagos*, he might be ready to join the rest of the Fleet, if ordered so to do.

Sir George Rooke ordered to proceed up the Streights.

A Council of War was held on board the *Royal Katharine* the 18th of *April*, where were present of the *English*, Vice-Admiral *Leake* of the Blue, and Rear-Admiral *Dilkes* of the White, and of the *Dutch*, Admiral *Callemberg*, Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer*, and Rear-Admiral *Vanderdussen*. Her Majesty's Orders of the 24th and 28th of *March*, and Mr. Secretary *Hedges's* Letter of the same Date, were read, whereupon it was determined to proceed up the *Streights* according to the Resolution of the 12th Instant. But if the *Portuguese* Troops designed under Command of the Prince of *Hesse* for *Catalonia*, could be embarked in eight or ten Days, it was thought convenient to stay for them, and that Orders should be left for the Ships expected from *England* to join the Fleet in *Altea Bay*, but not finding it there, to repair to *Algier* for their better Security.

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A Council of War held.

It was farther resolved that, when in the *Streights*, a Frigate should be sent to *Nice* for Intelligence from Mr. *Hill*, our Resident at the Court of *Savoy*, of the Preparations and Designs of the *French* Fleet, and that if he supposed there was any Prospect of their insulting *Villa Franca*, or *Nice*, it should then be consider'd how to execute Her Majesty's Orders of the 14th of *March* for the Relief of those Places. But the Flag-Officers thought it proper to represent, that by the want of the major part of our Quota of Ships, the others might possibly be extremely exposed in that Service, and render'd incapable, in many respects, to perform what Her Majesty expected from them; and the Admiral having received some Advice of the Preparations the *French* were making both at *Thoulon*, and in *West France*, desired that he might be timely and effectually strengthened, to prevent the ill Consequence of a Surprize, or any other unforeseen Accident.

The Admiral desired to be strengthened.

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He is reinforced at Lisbon.

The 21st of *April* he was joined in the Bay of *Wares*, near *Lisbon*, by one Second Rate, four Thirds, and two Fireships, and some few Days after he detached for *England* with the Transports and Merchant Ships, the *Expedition*, *Exeter*, and *Advice*.

A Council of War, at the Desire of the King of Spain.

The 25th a Council of War was called, at the Desire of the King of *Spain*, upon a Paper delivered by the Almirante of *Castile*, where were present the several Flag-Officers who assisted at the former Council. His Catholick Majesty's Proposals by the said Almirante, as also Her Majesty's Orders of the 14th and 24th of *March* were read, relating to the Relief of *Nice*, and *Villa Franca*, together with the Resolutions taken at the said Council, and a Letter from the Earl of *Nottingham* of the 10th of *April*, advising that the Enemy were preparing to attack those two Places by Sea. It was thereupon agreed that the Fleet should proceed to their Relief, according to the former Resolutions, but first sail to the Northward of the Islands of *Majorca* and *Minorca*, and, if the Winds would permit, as near the Coast of *Catalonia* as might be convenient, for gaining Intelligence; but that if they met with certain Advice that neither of the two Places before-mentioned were attacked, the Fleet should stop at *Barcelona*, and give his Catholick Majesty's Affairs all possible Countenance and Assistance in those Parts.

Agreed to proceed to the Relief of Nice and Villa Franca.

If certain Intelligence could not be gained, and that when the Fleet arrived at *Nice*, or *Villa Franca*, it should be found they were not besieged, it was resolved to return without loss of time to *Barcelona*, and as soon as the Service on the Coast of *Catalonia* should be over, to act farther as might be judged most advantagious by a Council of War for the Service of the King of *Spain*, and the Common Interest; and the Flag-Officers were likewise of opinion, that four of the Ships expected from *England* might be sufficient to convoy to the Fleet the Victuallers and Transports.

Since the Proposals of his Catholick Majesty by the Almirante of *Castile* are mentioned in the foregoing Council of War, it may be expected that I let the Reader know what those Proposals were, for which reason I have hereafter inserted a Translation of them from the *Spanish* Original, *viz.*

The Proposals of the Almirante of Castile.

“ The 6th of *May*, N. S. 1704, the Almirante of *Castile* proposed, by Order from his Catholick Majesty, to Admiral *Rooke*, and the other Flag-Officers of the *English* and *Dutch* Fleet, that in their Voyage to the *Mediterranean*, their chief Design should be to go *Barcelona*, to execute there what had been resolved on, and which would be of so great a Benefit not only to the Common Cause, but to the Success of the Enterprize upon *Spain*, as well as easily be put in Execution, according to what had already been represented to Admiral *Rooke*.

“ When at *Barcelona*, if Advice should come from the Duke of *Savoy* that *Nice* was besieged, then the Admiral might go to the Relief of it according to his Orders; but if no such Advice should come, that then the Enterprize upon *Barcelona* might be executed to the Good of the Common Cause, and without the Admi-
“ ral's

“ ral’s being wanting in his due Obedience to the Orders he had
 “ from Her Majesty of *Great Britain*.

“ But if his Royal Highness the Duke of *Savoy* should press to
 “ have the Fleet go up thither, and it might thereupon be judged
 “ necessary to appoint a Rendezvous, all that his Catholick Majesty
 “ desired was, that it might be at *Barcelona*, since even that alone
 “ would be of great Benefit to the Enterprize upon *Spain*, and con-
 “ sequently very advantageous to all the Allies.

“ The Almirante of *Castile* said also, that his Catholick Majesty
 “ desired to know, if when the Fleet was on the Coast of *Piedmont*,
 “ and *Nice* not besieged, nor that Coast invaded by Sea by the
 “ *French*, by what time it might return to execute the Enterprize
 “ upon *Catalonia*.

“ He also demanded whether, when the Service of *Catalonia* be-
 “ ing ended, (which it was supposed would soon be) the Fleet could
 “ proceed to the Coasts of *Naples* and *Sicily*, to give Life to his
 “ Catholick Majesty’s Party in those Kingdoms, and to the Dispo-
 “ sitions there might be in them for the Benefit of the Common
 “ Cause, and the universal Good.

Having thus given you an Account of what the Almirante pro-
 posed to Sir *George Rooke* from the King of *Spain*, I will in the
 next Place let you know what the Strength of the Fleet, both *Eng-
 lish* and *Dutch*, would have been, when joined by the Ships of War,
 and small Vessels expected from *England*, viz.

<i>English.</i>			N ^o .
90	Guns	—	2
80	—	—	7
74	—	—	1
70	—	—	14
60	—	—	1
50	—	—	5
Small	Frigates	—	5
Fireships	—	—	4
Hospitals	—	—	2
Bombs	—	—	2
Yacht	—	—	1
			44

<i>Dutch.</i>			N ^o .
90	Guns	—	1
72	—	—	3
66	—	—	1
64	—	—	6
60	—	—	2
52	—	—	2
50	—	—	3

*Intended
 Strength of
 the Fleet.*

Small

	N ^o .
Small Frigate ———	1
Fireship ———	1
Bombs ———	3
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Dutch —	23
English —	44
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Of which of the Line of Battel,

English ———	30
Dutch ———	18
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Sir Cloudesly
Shovell ap-
pointed to look
out for a
French Squa-
dron.

I shall here leave Sir *George Rooke*, for some time, and give you an Account of Sir *Cloudesly Shovell's* Proceedings, with a Squadron sent to Sea under his Command, for intercepting that designed from *Brest* with the Count of *Thoulouse*, High-Admiral of *France*, and the rather, for that he afterwards joined the Body of the Fleet.

Instructions to
Sir Cloudesly
Shovell.

Her Majesty having received Advice that the Enemy were setting forth a considerable Naval Force in *West-France*, directed that Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* should be ordered to repair forthwith to *Spithead*, to take under his Command a Squadron of Ships which were particularly appointed for him, and his Royal Highness, Lord High-Admiral, also ordered him to use all possible Diligence in the getting them together, and in a Readiness to proceed on Service, but, in the mean while, to appoint some of the smallest to cruise Westward, in such Stations where they might most probably gain Intelligence of the Enemy's Proceedings and Preparations.

If by this means, or any other, he got Advice that the *French* had been seen at Sea, and were coming into the Chanel with a greater Strength than he should have together, he was directed to retire among the Sands, even as far as the *Gunfleet*, if occasion were, for his greater Security, that so he might be the more readily join'd by Ships from the River, *Holland*, or other Parts, and in such Retreat he was to bring with him the Victuallers, Storeships, and Trade bound to *Lisbon*, unless he could have an Opportunity to secure them in *Portsmouth* Harbour.

When ready to sail he was to proceed off of *Brest* with his Squadron, and the Trade, Storeships, and Victuallers designed to Sir *George Rooke*; and if he perceived, or had certain Intelligence, that the *French* Squadron was there, he was to send the said Trade, Storeships, &c. to *Lisbon*, under the Convoy of two such Ships, or more, as a Council of War should judge proper, by whom he was to transmit an Account to Sir *George Rooke* where he was, and what he intended to do.

If he found the Enemy in *Brest*, he was to use his best Endeavours to prevent the Junction of the Ships there with those of *Roche-fort*, and *Port Louis*, if a Council of War should think it practicable; and if they attempted to come to Sea from any of those Ports, to do his utmost to take, sink, burn, or otherwise destroy them, if it should be judged he had a sufficient Strength to attempt it; but if the Enemy came out too strong, and followed him, he was then to retire into the Chanel, in such manner as he should think might most conduce to the Service, and endeavouring to join Her Majesty's Ships which might be there, repair among the Sands, as far as the *Gunfleet*, for his Security, if he found there might be occasion for his so doing, as is before-mentioned.

But if he learnt, when off of *Brest*, that the Enemy were gone from thence, and that he could not inform himself whither, or if he should have good Grounds to believe they had bent their Course to the *Sireights*, and that, with the *Thoulon* Squadron, (which was said to consist of twenty five Sail of the Line of Battel, they might be superior to the Fleet with Sir *George Rooke*, (of which a List was sent him) he was either to go with, or send the Ships designed for *Lisbon*, (which were eight Third Rates, an Hospital, two Bomb-Vessels, and a Yacht) as also the Storeships, Victuallers, and Trade, together with such an additional Strength of the biggest Ships with him, as a Council of War, upon due Consideration, should judge proper, to make Sir *George Rooke* superior to the Enemy, supposing a Junction of their Ships from *West-France* and *Thoulon*.

It was Her Majesty's Pleasure that not more than twenty two Ships of War (including the eight designed for *Portugal*) should proceed with the Storeships, &c. to *Lisbon*, and therefore if he found it necessary that so many as eighteen, or the greater part of his Squadron should proceed thither, he was to go with them himself, and send the Remainder into the Chanel, under the Command of a Flag Officer, with Orders to him to cruise there for the Security of the Trade; but he was to come into the Chanel himself, if such a Number only proceeded to *Lisbon* as might not require his commanding them thither.

Either himself, or the Flag, or Flag-Officers, he should send to *Lisbon*; were to put themselves under Command of Sir *George Rooke*; and if in his Passage to *Brest* he met the *Expedition*, *Exeter*, or *Advice* from *Portugal*, and found them in a Condition for Service, he was empowered to take such of them with him as he judged proper, but no farther than off of *Brest*; and if any thing of Consequence happened during his being abroad, which was not provided for in the foregoing Instructions, he was to govern himself as should be agreed at a Council of War.

These Instructions prepared by order of his Royal Highness, Lord High-Admiral, were read at the Committee of Council the 25th of *April*, and being agreed unto, were signed and dispatched to Sir *Cloudesly Shovell* the same Night, and a Copy thereof to Sir *George Rooke* by the Packet Boat, that so he might have as early Information thereof as possible.

The Instructions approved of at a Committee of Council.

Sir Cloudesly Shovell sails. Pursuant hereunto he sailed from *St. Helen's*, and arrived off of *Plymouth* the 12th of *May* 1704, where Rear-Admiral *Byng* (who was afterwards Admiral of the Fleet, and one of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty) was making all possible Dispatch in getting Ships ready to join him; and here it may not be improper to insert the Line of Battel, which was as follows, *viz.*

The Line of Battel.

The *St. George* to lead with the Starboard, and the *Revenge* with the Larboard Tacks on board.

Frigates, Fire-ships, &c.	Rate.	Ships.	Men.	Guns.	Division.	
	2	<i>St. George,</i>	680	—	96	Vice-Admiral of the Red, Sir <i>Stafford Fairborn.</i>
	4	<i>Moderate,</i>	365	—	60	
<i>Bridgewater,</i>	3	<i>Torbay,</i> —	500	—	80	
<i>Lighning Fire-ship,</i>		<i>Shrewsbury,</i>	540	—	80	
		<i>Effex,</i> —	440	—	70	
<i>Terror Bomb.</i>	4	<i>Glocester,</i> —	365	—	60	
	3	<i>Royal Oak,</i>	500	—	76	
	4	<i>Monk,</i> —	365	—	60	
	3	<i>Boyne,</i> —	500	—	80	Admiral of the White, Sir <i>Cloudesly Shovell.</i>
<i>Roebuck,</i>		<i>Warspight,</i>	540	—	70	
<i>Vulcan Fire-ship,</i>	4	<i>Triton,</i> —	280	—	50	
	3	<i>Orford,</i> —	440	—	70	
<i>William and Mary Yacht,</i>	2	<i>Barfleur,</i> —	710	—	96	
<i>Princess Anne Hospital.</i>	4	<i>Namur,</i> —	680	—	96	
	3	<i>Medway,</i> —	365	—	60	
		<i>Swiftsure,</i>	440	—	70	
		<i>Lenox,</i> —	440	—	70	
		<i>Nassau,</i> —	440	—	70	Rear-Admiral of the Red, <i>George Byng, Esq;</i>
		<i>Rupert,</i> —	440	—	70	
<i>Vulture Fire-ship,</i>		<i>Norfolk,</i> —	500	—	80	
		<i>Ranelagh,</i>	535	—	80	
<i>Star Bomb.</i>	4	<i>Dorsetshire,</i>	500	—	80	
		<i>Kingstone,</i>	365	—	60	
		<i>Assurance,</i>	365	—	60	
		<i>Revenge,</i> —	440	—	70	
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A Council of War held.

The 15th of *May* he was between the *Fourn-head* and the *Lizard*, his first Rendezvous, and then calling a Council of War of the Flag-Officers, and several of the senior Captains, upon Intelligence sent him from the Admiralty-Office that the Count of *Thoulouse* would be ready to sail the beginning of this Month, as also other Advices that he actually sailed from *Brest* the 2d; and from

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a Frigate

a Frigate sent to look into the said Port, that there was but one Ship of War seen in the Road, it was determined to leave the Station they were in immediately, and to sail to the second Rendezvous, which was in the *Soundings* W. S. W. or S. W. by W. about twenty Leagues from *Scilly*, and leaving a Ship there forty eight Hours to give notice to those wanting, forthwith to proceed with the Fleet to a Station West, or W. S. W. a hundred and forty, or a hundred and fifty Leagues from *Scilly*, if they could get thither, or if not, to part with the *West-India* Squadron, then under Command of Captain *Kerr*, a hundred and fifty Leagues from *Scilly*, as also with Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, and the Ships with him, and each Squadron to make the best of their way, according to the Instructions those Officers had received.

At this Council of War some of the Officers were for the Admiral's taking all the Ships with him, but since he was by his Orders restrain'd to twenty two, he determined to send back two of the Third Rate, five of the Fourth, and one of the Fifth, with Directions to Sir *Stafford Fairborn* to call in at *Kinsale* in *Ireland* for the homeward-bound Trade, and see them to *Plimouth*, and wait there for the Orders of the Lord High-Admiral.

In his Passage out of the Chanel he took four Prizes, two of which were small Privateers, and on the 28th of *May*, when he was about 140 Leagues S. W. by W. from *Scilly*, he called a Council of War, where it was resolv'd, that since the Fleet had been traversing in the *Soundings*, and the Mouth of the Chanel, near a Fortnight, with Southerly and South-West Winds, and that they saw not the *French* Squadron, for which reason they judged they might be gone Southward, the Admiral should the next Morning send Sir *Stafford Fairborn* home, the *West-India* Squadron forward, and with the rest of his Ships make the best of his way to *Lisbon*, and join Sir *George Rooke*, of whose Proceedings both before and after the said Junction I will now give an Account.

Some Prizes taken.

Another Council of War.

Some of the Squadron sent back to England.

Sir Cloudesty Shovell proceeds to join Sir George Rooke at Lisbon.

Sir George Rooke proceeds to the Mediterranean.

That Admiral, pursuant to the Resolutions before-mentioned, setting sail from *Lisbon* for the *Mediterranean*, he came on the 29th of *April* off of *Cape St. Vincent*, when he had with him of *English* Ships two of the Second Rate, fifteen of the Third, four of the Fourth, one of the Fifth, one Sixth, and four Fireships, and of the *Dutch* Ships of War fourteen, all of the Line of Battel; and Orders were left at *Lisbon* for another of the Fourth Rate, and one of the Fifth to follow him.

On the 8th of *May*, about Two in the Afternoon, the Weather being then hazey, six *French* Ships of War fell in with him off of *Cape Palos*, (a little to the Eastward of *Carthagena*) to chase which he detached six Third Rates, one Fourth, and a Fifth, and they ran the Fleet out of Sight before it was Night. On the 10th in the Evening he anchored in *Altea* Bay, where the Squadron which he sent to chase the Enemy joined him that Night, having not had the good Fortune of coming up with them.

Some French Ships of War fall in with the Fleet.

At the pressing Instances of the Prince of *Hesse*, he proceeded with the Fleet to *Barcelona* Road, who said that he had Assurances

The Fleet before Barcelona.

from the Deputies of *Catalonia*, and the principal Men of the City, that if some few Forces were landed, and a Shew made of a Bombardment, they would declare for King *Charles* the Third, and receive him the said Prince into the Town. Hereupon, on the 19th of *May*, about Noon, the Admiral caused to be landed about twelve hundred Marine Soldiers, and the *Dutch* about four hundred; but when they had been one Night on shore, and the *Dutch* had bombarded the Town from the Sea, the Prince was convinced of his Mistake, so that he himself proposed the re-imbarking of the Men; not but that the People were inclinable to rise, and would have done it, had they seen a Prospect of sufficient Force to support them. On the 18th Rear-Admiral *Wisbart* joined the Fleet, who had met with the six *French* Ships before-mention'd much about the same Place, and they finding themselves too strong for him, (for he had only two Third Rates, two Fourths, and a Fireship) gave chase to him, but continued not their Pursuit, though some of them visibly gained on him.

A Number of Marine Soldiers landed to no purpose.

Rear-Admiral Wisbart chased by the six French Ships.

On the 21st the Admiral steered away for the Isles of *Hieres*, but in crossing the Gulph had a hard Gale of Wind at N. N. W. and N. W. which dispersed the Fleet, and most of the Sails of our Ships flew away like Paper; but being joined again by the absent Ships, on the 27th, at Eight at Night, his Scouts made the Signal of seeing a Fleet, which he judged were the Enemy, and that they would make the best of their way to *Thoulon*, so that tacking, he stood to the Northward all Night, and on the 28th in the Morning, soon after Day, the *French* Fleet were in view, consisting of forty Sail, at which time it was calm. The Admiral called a Council of War, where were present Sir *John Leake*, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, Rear-Admiral *Dalkes* of the White, Sir *James Wisbart*, Rear-Admiral of the Blue, and of the *Dutch*, Lieutenant-Admiral *Callemberg*, Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer*, and Rear-Admiral *Vanderdussen*. It was agreed that since the Enemy seem'd to avoid engaging, by making all the Sail they possibly could, our Fleet should continue the Chase as long as they could keep sight of them, or until they had reached the Coast of *Thoulon*, and that if a Junction with the Ships at that Port could not be prevented, they should then repair to *Lisbon*, as had been before determined. Accordingly the Enemy were chased until the 29th in the Evening, when being within thirty Leagues of *Thoulon*, where there were fifteen or sixteen Ships ready to join them, it was unanimously agreed to repair down to the *Streights* Mouth; and even by so doing they ran some hazard of being followed by the *French* with a superior Strength, for Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* had not yet joined the Admiral, and the Ships he had with him were but in a bad Condition, especially as to Sails, Topmasts, and Stores.

Our Fleet chase the French towards Thoulon.

Resolution to proceed up the Streights in search of the French.

The 14th of *June* our Fleet passed through the *Streights* Mouth, and off of *Lagos* were joined by Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* two Days after, when a Council of War being called, it was agreed, that the best Service which could be done, was to proceed up the *Mediterranean* in search of the *French* Fleet; and the Flag-Officers were of Opinion that they might co-operate in the Siege of *Cadix*,

of any Attempt on *Barcelona*, if sufficient Land-Forces were appointed for such a Service; but that till the Sentiments of the Courts of *Spain* and *Portugal* were known, it was most proper for the Fleet to lie in such a Station as might prevent the Enemy's getting to *Cadiz*, yet so as to be near to *Nice*, and *Villa Franca*, should they make any Attempts on those Places. It was also resolved that, upon the Desire of the King of *Portugal*, some Ships should be sent to the *Tercera* Islands for protecting his Majesty's Fleets expected from *Brazil*.

Some time after this the Admiral received Orders from the Queen, requiring him not to undertake any thing on the Coast without the Approbation of the Kings of *Spain* and *Portugal*, whose Proposals he received the 16th of *July*, when he was advanced up the *Streights*, for attempting somewhat on the Coast of *Andalusia*; whereupon a Council of War was called, at which were present, besides the Admiral himself, Sir *Cloudesly Shovell*, Sir *John Leake*, Rear-Admiral *Byng*, and Sir *James Wisbart*, as also the three *Dutch* Flags before mentioned; and since it was concluded not to be practicable to attempt *Cadiz*, without an Army to assist therein, they resolved to land the Marine Soldiers, *English* and *Dutch*, under Command of the Prince of *Hesse*, in the Bay of *Gibraltar*, to cut off that Town from any Communication with the Main, and at the same time to bombard and cannonade the Place, and endeavour to reduce it to the Obedience of the King of *Spain*.

The 20th in the Night the Admiral pushed from the *Barbary* Shore over to *Gibraltar*, and the next Day, at Three in the Afternoon, landed the Marines, with the Prince of *Hesse* at the Head of them, who marched to the Mills near the Town, and sent a Summons to the Governor to surrender the Place, to which he received an Answer, That the Garrison had taken an Oath of Fidelity to their natural Lord, King *Philip* the Fifth, and that, as faithful and loyal Subjects, they would sacrifice their Lives in the Defence of the City. Hereupon the Admiral, on the 22d in the Morning, order'd twelve Third Rates, and four Fourths, with six Ships of the States-General, all under Command of Rear-Admiral *Byng*, to cannonade the Town, which was done with great Fury the next Day, so that the Enemy were beaten from their Guns at the South Mole Head. The Boats were then mann'd and arm'd, and sent with Captain (now Sir *Edward*) *Whittaker* to possess themselves of that Fort, which was very gallantly performed, and as our Men got on the great Platform, so some of them enter'd the Castle; but the Enemy having laid a Train to the Magazine, it blew up, and killed and wounded above one hundred of them; however they kept Possession of the Platform, and advanced, and took a Redoubt, or small Bastion, half way between the Mole and the Town.

It being Sunday, all the Women were at their Devotion in a little Chapel, about four Miles distant from the Town, so that our Men were between them and their Husbands, which was a very great Inducement to the Citizens to oblige the Governor to capitulate, whereupon the 24th in the Evening the Prince of *Hesse*, with the

The Admiral ordered not to attempt any thing without the Consent of the Kings of Spain and Portugal.

Agreed not to attempt Cadiz.

Prince of Hesse and the Marines landed at Gibraltar.

The Place summoned.

Rear-Admiral Byng cannonaded Gibraltar.

Some Out-works taken.

Marines,

The Town delivered up.

Marines, marched into the Town. They found there but two *Spanish* Regiments, of about forty Men each, but on the Walls above 100 Guns mounted, all facing the Sea, and the two narrow Passes to the Land; and in this Action we had sixty one Men killed, and two hundred and six wounded.

Dutch Admiral sends home six Ships.

The *Dutch* Admiral soon after sent to *Lisbon* the Rear-Flag with six Ships, whence they were to proceed home, intending himself to follow them in a little time; and the 9th Day of *August* Sir *George Rooke* returning from the Coast of *Barbary* (where he had been for Water) to *Gibraltar*, his Scouts made the usual Signals of seeing a strange Fleet, several Leagues to Windward, consisting, as their Commanders soon after said, of sixty six Sail; and a Council of War being thereupon called, it was determined to lay to the Eastward of *Gibraltar*, to receive and engage them; but it being judged from their Signal Guns in the Night, that they wrought away from our Fleet, the Admiral followed them in the Morning with all the Sail he could make, and continued so to do till the 12th, not hearing their Guns that Night, nor seeing any of their Scouts in the Morning.

The French Fleet discovered.

This gave him a Suspicion that they might make a Double, and, by the help of their Gallies, slip between him and the Shore to the Westward, wherefore it was determined at a Council of War to repair to *Gibraltar*, if the Enemy should not be discover'd before Night; but standing in towards the Shore, the *French* Fleet were seen about Noon, with their Gallies, to the Westward, near Cape *Malaga*, going away large, upon which our Admiral made what Sail he possibly could after them, and continued so to do all Night.

Our Fleet chase the French.

On Sunday the 13th, in the Morning, he was within three Leagues of them, when they brought to with their Heads to the Southward, the Wind being Easterly, and, forming their Line, lay in a Posture to receive him. They were fifty two Ships, and twenty four Gallies, very strong in the Centre, but weaker in the Van and Rear, to supply which most of their Gallies were placed in those Squadrons. In the Centre was the Count of *Toulouse*, High-Admiral of *France*, with the White Squadron; in the Van the White and Blue Flag, and in the Rear the Blue, each Admiral having his Vice and Rear-Admiral.

Strength of the French Fleet.

Our Fleet consisted of fifty three Ships, but the Admiral order'd the *Swallow* and *Panther*, two Fourth Rates, with a Fifth and a Sixth, and two Fireships, to lay to Windward of him, that if the Enemy's Van should pull through our Line, with their Gallies and Fireships, they might have given them some Diversion.

Strength of the English and Dutch.

He bore down on the *French* Fleet until somewhat after Ten a Clock, when they set all their Sails at once, and seem'd as if they designed to stretch a-head and weather him; soon after which he cauled the Signal to be made for Battel, and the Enemy keeping themselves in a Posture to receive them, it began, and was smartly continued on both sides, wherein, among others, the Lord *Dursley*, then about three and twenty Years of Age, who commanded the

The Battel begun.

Boyne,

Boyne, a Ship of 80 Guns, behaved himself with remarkable Resolution and Bravery.

In less than two Hour's time the Enemy's Van, which were pressed by ours, commanded by Sir *Cloudefly Shovell*, and led by Sir *John Leake*, gave way in no little Confusion, as their Rear did to the *Dutch* towards Evening. Their Centre being strong, and several Ships of the Admiral's own Division, as well as those of Rear-Admiral *Byng's*, and Rear-Admiral *Dilkes's* being forced to go out of the Line for want of Shot, (which it seems were not equally distributed throughout the Fleet, after the great Expence thereof in the Action of *Gibraltar*) the Battel fell very heavy on some of the Admiral's own Squadron, particularly the *St. George*, commanded by Sir *John Jennings* *, and the *Shrewsbury* by Captain *Josiah Crowe*: And between six and seven at Night, when there was but little firing on either side, a Ship which was one of the Seconds to the *French* Admiral, and a-head of him, advanced out of the Line, and for some time engaged the *St. George*, but was so roughly handled, that she retreated back to the Fleet, after both her Captains, and many of her Men were killed. And as the *St. George* had before fought singly some Hours not only with this Ship, but with Count *Thoulouse* himself, and his other Second, neither our Admiral, nor any of the Ships nearest to her being in a Condition to come to her Assistance, by reason of their being disabled as well in their Rigging, as otherwise, so before Sir *John Jennings* engaged the afore-mention'd Ship after the Brunt of the Battel was over, he had at least twenty five Guns dismounted on that side he fought, and was obliged to bring others over from the opposite side in the room of them.

The Enemy at length went away to Leeward by the help of their Gallies, but the Wind shifting in the Night to the Northward, and in the Morning to the West, they by that means became to Windward, both Fleets lying by all Day, within three Leagues of each other, repairing Damages, but at Night the *French* fill'd their Sails and stood Northward.

The French towed away to Leeward.

On the 15th in the Morning they were gotten four or five Leagues to the Westward of our Fleet, and a little before Noon Sir *George Rooke* had a Breeze of Wind Easterly, with which he edged towards them until Four in the Afternoon, but it being judged then too late to engage, he brought to, and lay by with his Head Northward all Night.

The Wind continuing Easterly the 16th, with hazy Weather, and the Enemy not being seen, nor any of their Scouts, our Fleet bore away to the Westward, the Admiral supposing they might have been gone for *Cadiz*; but being advis'd from *Gibraltar*, and the Coast of *Barbary*, that they had not pass'd the *Streights*, he concluded they were retired to *Thoulon*; and as he was not wrong in his Judgment, so is it not unreasonable to think, that had they known how much several of our Ships of the Line of Battel were in want of Am-

* Since Admiral of the *White*, and one of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

munition and Shot, or otherwise disabled from farther Action, they would not have made so great haste home, but rather have tried the Event of a second Engagement.

Remarks.

The *English* and *Dutch* Ships began this Fight with manifest Disadvantage; for although their Strength and that of the *French* were near an Equality, yet had the Enemy their Ports at hand upon occasion, whereas the others, for want of such Shelter, would have been obliged, if overcome, to have wander'd about the Seas with their disabled Ships without proper Materials for repairing them, or to have destroyed them, that so they might not have fallen into the Hands of the Victors. But notwithstanding this Advantage on the side of the *French*, to which may be added that of their Gallies, they did not think it advisable to renew the Fight; nor had the *English* and *Dutch* any great reason to value themselves on their Success, otherwise than that, by putting a good Face on it, they shewed themselves ready to try their Fortune a second time, while the *French* were retreating towards their Ports, as hath already been observed.

A Council of War resolv'd to proceed to Gibraltar.

A Council of War being call'd, it was determin'd to repair with the Fleet to *Gibraltar*, there to secure the disabled Ships, and to repair their Masts, Yards, Sails, and Rigging, where arriving, and the best Assistance being given to that Garrison that possibly could be, it was resolv'd that all such Ships as were in a Condition for Winter Service should be put under the Command of Sir *John Leake*; that such as were not so, but might safely proceed to *England*, should repair thither, and that those in the worst Condition should go to *Lisbon* to be refitted.

Sir John Leake sent with a Squadron to Lisbon.

Accordingly the Fleet sail'd from *Gibraltar*, and being out of the *Streights* Mouth the 26th of *August*, the Admiral gave Orders to Sir *John Leake* to take under his Command two Ships of the Third Rate, nine of the Fourth, four of the Fifth, one Sixth, and a Fireship, and proceed with them to *Lisbon*, from whence he was to send four to *England* with the Trade. He was also to take under his Command such Ships of the States-General as should be appointed for Winter Service in those Parts, and to employ the whole in guarding the Coasts of *Portugal* and *Spain*, and for the Security of our Trade, and the Garrison of *Gibraltar*. With the rest which were in a Condition to come home, the Admiral repaired towards *England*, where he arriv'd the 24th of *September* 1704, which Ships were five of the Second Rate, twenty five of the Third, four Fourths, six Fireships, two Hospital Ships, and a Yacht.

Sir George Rooke arriv'd in England.

And here it may not be improper to give the Reader some Account of the Number of Officers and Men killed and wounded in the Engagement, which is as follows, *viz.*

Officers.

	Officers.		Men.	
	Slain,	Wounded.	Slain,	Wounded.
In the Admiral's Division —	6	2	219	508
Sir <i>Cloudefly Shorvell's</i> —	1	7	105	303
Sir <i>John Leake's</i> —		7	89	211
Rear-Admiral <i>Byng's</i> —	1	5	155	361
Rear-Admiral <i>Dilkes's</i> —		10	119	249
	8	31	687	1632
Officers and Men of the <i>English</i> kill'd and wounded —			2368	
Of the <i>Dutch</i> —			400	
			2768	

CHAP. XVII.

Containing an Account of Sir John Leake's relieving Gibraltar, and of his destroying several French Ships of War.

HAVING brought home the Admiral of the Fleet from the *Mediterranean*, I shall return to Sir *John Leake*, and give an Account of his Proceedings during the time he commanded abroad.

The 30th of *September* Sir *John Leake* received a Letter from the Prince of *Hesse*, and another from Captain *Fotherby*, who commanded the *Larke*, by which he was informed that on the 4th of *October* in the Evening, a Squadron of the Enemy's Ships, in Number nineteen, great and small, came into *Gibraltar Bay*, and that there was a Design of besieging the Place both by Sea and Land, for which reason his Highness earnestly desired him to repair to their Relief with all possible Diligence.

1704.
A Squadron of French ships comes to Gibraltar.

Hereupon Sir *John* caused the utmost Dispatch to be made in the refitting the Ships, and some others joined him from *England* and *Holland*; but soon after he received another Letter from the Prince of *Hesse*, letting him know that the *French* Squadron was gone Westward, having left in the Bay of *Gibraltar* only six light Frigates from 40 to 20 Guns; but that they had landed six Battalions, so that the *French* and *Spanish* Troops might amount to about seven thousand Horse and Foot, and that they had open'd their Trenches against the Town. Sir *John* on this called a Council of War, and it was resolv'd to proceed to the Relief of the Place with three Third Rates, nine Fourth, and two Fifth Rates of the *English*, and of the *Dutch* six Ships of the Line of Battel.

Sir John Leake receives an Account that most of them were gone Westward, but that the French were attacking the Town by Land.

Sir John
Leake comes
to Gibraltar.

Arriving in the Bay of *Gibraltar*, a considerable Number of Men were landed from the Fleet to assist in the Works; but upon Advice of a strong Squadron of *French* Ships being design'd from *Cadiz* to attack him, it was thought reasonable that all the Men should embark again, except the Gunners and Carpenters, and the Marine Soldiers.

Our Ships
wanting Pro-
visions return
to Lisbon,
but return
and surprize
French Ships
at Gibraltar,

and

relieved the
Town.

Colonel Borr
kills several
of the Spani-
ards.

The Garrison
of Gibraltar
reinforced.

1705.
Sir John
Leake has an
Account of
Monsieur
Ponty's com-
ing to Gibrat-
tar.

Sir Thomas
Dilkes ar-
rives from
England.

Our Ships, by riding at the West side of the Bay with a strong Easterly Wind, having lost some of their Anchors and Cables, and the *Dutch* most of theirs, it was resolv'd to put to Sea, as soon as it should spring up Westerly, and to keep as near to *Gibraltar* as the Weather would permit; but Sir *John Leake* finding it absolutely necessary to proceed with the Squadron to *Lisbon*, for a Supply of Provisions, he repaired thither, and departed from thence again towards *Gibraltar* the 25th of *October*, with three Ships of the Third Rate, nine of the Fourth, two Fifths, and a Fireship, together with six *Dutch*, and arriving there the 29th, surprized two of the Enemy's Ships of 34 Guns each, one of 12, a Fireship, a Tartan, and two *English* Prizes, all which they ran on shore and set on fire; and another Ship of 30 Guns which had just got out of the Bay, was also taken by one of ours. Had not the Vice-Admiral luckily arrived as he did, it was generally believed the Town must have surrendered, or that the Enemy would have storm'd it, they being not only very numerous by Land, but had a Design to put on shore at the New Mole three thousand Men, in Boats which they had got together from *Cadiz*, and other Places; and five hundred being discover'd on the top of the Hill which overlooks the Town, the Granadiers, with Colonel *Borr*, (since a Brigadier in the Army) very gallantly attack'd them, and kill'd about two hundred, taking most of the rest Prisoners.

At a Council of War, held the 21st of *December*, it was resolv'd to remain in *Gibraltar* Bay while the Wind continued Westerly, and with the first Easterly Wind to proceed to *Lisbon*, to clean and re-fit the Squadron, the Garrison being now reinforced by two thousand Men. Before they sail'd the Enemy had much abated in their cannonading, and bombarding the Town; and, as the Deserters said, despair'd of taking it, since Monsieur *Ponty* had not, as they expected, attempted our Ships in the Bay, with a Squadron from *Cadiz*, to which Place Sir *John Leake* had some time before propos'd to go, in order to have attack'd them; but it was not consented to by the Prince of *Hesse*, and the Land-Officers, lest, in his Absence, the Town might have been lost to the Enemy.

On the 21st of *February*, at Seven at Night, he received a Letter from the Prince, giving him an Account that Monsieur *Ponty* was come into the Bay of *Gibraltar* with fourteen Ships of War, and two Fireships, and press'd his coming to the Assistance of the Town, against which they intended a general Assault; whereupon it was determin'd to proceed thither, as soon as they could possibly be furnished with some Ordnance-Stores, and Soldiers for the Ships, in the room of a considerable Number of Seamen which were wanting. Mean while Sir *Thomas Dilkes* arriv'd from *England* with five Ships of the Third Rate, and on the 3d of *March* part of the Troops embark'd

embark'd which were design'd for *Gibraltar*, towards which Place Sir *John Leake* sail'd the 6th of the same Month, and on the 9th got sight of Cape *Spartell*, but not having Day-light enough to reach the Bay of *Gibraltar*, he lay by to prevent his being discover'd from the *Spanish Shore*, intending to surprize the Enemy early in the Morning; but by bad Weather was prevented in making Sail as soon as he intended. About half an Hour past Five he was within two Miles of Cape *Cabretta*, when he discover'd only five Sail making out of the Bay, and a Gun fir'd at them from *Europa Point*; whereupon concluding the Garrison was safe, he gave Chase to the Ships, they being the *Magnanime* of 74 Guns, the *Lis* of 86, the *Ardent* of 66, the *Arrogant* of 60, and the *Marquise* of 56.

Sir John Leake proceeds towards Gibraltar.

He chases several French Ships.

At first they stood over for the *Barbary Shore*, but seeing our Ships gained upon them, they stretch'd over to that of *Spain*, and at nine a Clock Sir *Thomas Dilkes*, in the *Revenge*, with the *Newcastle*, *Antelope*, *Expedition*, and a *Dutch Man of War*, got within half-Gunshot of the *Arrogant*, which, after some small Resistance, struck; and before one a Clock the *Ardent* and *Marquise* were taken by two Ships of the States-General. The *Magnanime* and *Lis* ran on shore a little to the Westward of *Marvelles*, on board of the former of which was Monsieur *St. Paul*, and she came on the Ground with such Violence, that all her Masts fell by the Board, so that the Enemy burnt her, as they did the *Lis* next Morning.

French Ships taken or destroyed.

This Service being over, Sir *John* look'd into *Malaga Road*, where one of our Frigates had chased a Merchant Ship of the Enemy's on shore, of about three hundred Tuns, which they set on fire, as two others had done another of about two hundred and fifty Tuns, near *Almeria*, which was destroyed in the same manner; and there is reason to believe that the rest of the *French Ships* of War which got out of *Gibraltar* before our Squadron arriv'd, hearing the Guns there while they lay in *Malaga Road*, cut their Cables, and ran to *Thoulon*.

Sir John Leake proceeds to Malaga.

Other Ships destroyed on the Coast of Spain.

Sir *John Leake* arriv'd at *Lisbon* the 12th of *April*, appointed a Convoy to some *Portuguese Troops* design'd for *Gibraltar*, (which Garrison he had thus happily reliev'd a second time) and another to accompany our *Virginia Trade* well into the Sea; but soon after those Troops were countermanded, and march'd to the Frontiers; and the *Swiftsure*, a Ship of the Third Rate, being much disabled in her Masts in the Engagement with the *French*, he sent her and three Fourth Rates to *England* with the loaden Merchants.

Sir John Leake arrives at Lisbon.

Some Ships sent home.

During his being in the River of *Lisbon* all possible Diligence was us'd in cleaning and refitting the Squadron; but the Provisions and Stores, as well as the additional Strength from *England*, not arriv'd as soon as was expected, he was not in a Condition to go to Sea, to prevent the Junction of the Ships fitting out in *West-France* with those in the *Mediterranean*, should they endeavour it, wherefore leaving him there for some time, we will now look homewards.

C H A P. XVIII.

Containing an Account of Sir Cloudesly Shovell's Proceedings to, and in the Mediterranean, when appointed joint Admiral of the Fleet with the Earl of Peterborow and Monmouth; the landing of the King of Spain at Barcelona, and the Reduction of that important City.

SIR *Cloudesly Shovell* being appointed Admiral of the Fleet, he repaired on board the *Britannia* at the *Nore*, and on the 7th of *April* gave Orders to *Sir John Jennings* to proceed to *Spithead* with three First Rates, two Seconds, and as many Thirds: And at the time that he was thus appointed Admiral, (which was in Conjunction with the Earl of *Peterborow* and *Monmouth*, who was nam'd first in the Commission) *Sir George Byng* was nominated to Command in the *Soundings*, and *Sir Thomas Dilkes* off of *Dunkirk*.

Sir George Byng appointed to command in the Soundings, and Sir Thomas Dilkes off of Dunkirk.
1705.

Earl of Peterborow arrives at Portsmouth.

Sir Cloudesly Shovell arriv'd at *Spithead* the 13th of *May*, and having, with all possible Dispatch, got the Ships as well there, as at *Portsmouth*, in a Readiness, and embark'd the Troops designed for Service abroad; and the Ships of War being join'd him from the *Dorens*, in Company of which came those with Ordnance-Stores, he was unmooring the 21st of *May*, and the 22d in the Morning the Earl of *Peterborow* arriv'd at *Portsmouth*; but the Wind being out of the way, the Admirals were forced to come to an Anchor at *St. Helen's* that Night; however, all being now in a Readiness to proceed on their Voyage to the *Mediterranean*, it may not be improper here to give an Account of the Strength of the Fleet they carry'd with them, with which the Squadrons abroad were to join, *viz.*

Rate.		Nº.	
1	—	—	3
2	—	—	6
3	—	—	12
4	—	—	8

} 29 of the Line of Battel;

besides Ships of the Fifth and Sixth Rates, Fireships, Bombs, and small Craft.

The 25th of *May* the Fleet came off of *Plimouth*, where they lay for some Ships of War, and Transports, which were to join them from thence, and the first Rendezvous the Admiral appointed was seven Leagues South from the *Lizard*, where they arriv'd two Days after, from whence they sent Orders to the Ships of War, and the Transports with Forces in *Ireland* to proceed directly to *Lisbon*.

Upon Intelligence from Sir *George Byng* and Sir *John Jennings*, as also the Account given by the Prisoners, that the Enemy had in *Brest* about eighteen Ships of War, it was resolv'd at a Council of Flag-Officers to leave Sir *George Byng* in the *Soundings*, with one First Rate, two Seconds, seven Thirds, and two Fourth's, a Frigate, and a Fireship, and to proceed with the rest to *Lisbon*, which were two First Rates, four Seconds, and five Thirds. To Sir *George Byng* the Admirals gave Instructions to cruise off of *Ushant* and the *Fourn-head*, and that if, when he got Intelligence the Enemy were sail'd from *Brest*, he was satisfi'd they had not any Design of coming into the *Soundings*, or infesting our Coast, he should send Sir *John Jennings* to the Bay of *Wares*, with the Ships intended for the Fleet, and himself put in Execution such Orders as he had or should receive from the Lord High-Admiral. But since it is proper to follow the Admirals of the Fleet in their Proceedings, that so their Transactions may appear at one View, I shall do that first, and then give an Account of Affairs at home.

Sir George Byng left in the Soundings, as also Sir John Jennings.

The 11th of *June* the said Admirals were in the River of *Lisbon*, where they found the Ships with Sir *John Leake* (of which I have before given an Account) in want of Provisions, but issued Orders for furnishing them out of what was carried from *England*, so that they were all supplied with near four Months at whole Allowance; and some of the Ships of the States-General joined our Fleet at this Place, of which they expected nineteen or twenty of the Line of Battel.

The Fleet arrives in the River of Lisbon, where they met Sir John Leake, and some Dutch Ships.

The 15th of *June* at a Council of Flag-Officers, where were present, besides the joint Admirals, Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, Sir *John Leake*, Sir *Thomas Dilkes*, and *John Norris*, Esq; first Captain to the Admiral of the Fleet; and of the *Dutch*, Admiral *Allemonde*, Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer*, Rear-Admiral *Vanderdufsen*, and Rear-Admiral *de Jonge*; it was determin'd, since the Land Forces from *Ireland* were not arriv'd, nor those which *Portugal* was to furnish in a Readin's, to put to Sea with about forty six, or forty eight Ships of the Line, *English* and *Dutch*, and to place them in such Station between Cape *Spartell* and the Bay of *Cadiz*, as might best prevent the Junction of the *French* Ships from *Thoulon* and *Brest*, until the Arrival of those from *Ireland*, but not to go into the *Streights* if it could possibly be avoided.

A Council of War held.

Resolv'd to put to Sea with part of the Fleet.

Five Days after another Council of War was held of the *English* Flag-Officers only, where it was agreed not to be adviseable to detach any Ships, in regard the Fleet was proceeding on Action, and that there was a Probability of the Junction of the Enemy's Ships of the *Ocean* and *Mediterranean*.

Agreed not to detach any Ships to Portugal.

And now a Line of Battel was formed, which was compos'd of the following Strength, *viz.*

Rates.

	Rates.	N ^o .	
<i>Strength of the Line of Battel.</i>	1	—	2
	2	—	4
	3	—	22
	4	—	10
	Of the Line	—	20

} *English.*} *Dutch.*

58 in all;

besides small Frigates, Fireships, Bomb-Vessels, Hospital-Ships, and other small Vessels.

*Ships from
Ireland join.* The 22d of *June* Sir *Cloudesty Shovell* getting out of the River of *Lisbon*, met with the Ships from *Ireland*, and the 24th a Frigate coming into the Fleet from *Gibraltar*, brought the Prince of *Hesse*, who was going to that Place, or to meet the Earl of *Peterborow* coming from thence with the Forces; and off of *Cape Spartell* the Fleet was to cruise until his Lordship arriv'd, with whom there were ten Ships from 50 Guns upwards, and some small Frigates.

*King of Spain
landed at Bar-
celona.*

His Lordship coming on board the Fleet in *Altea Bay*, and his Catholick Majesty being desirous to land near *Barcelona*, since he thought himself assured of the Loyalty of the People of *Catalonia*, it was resolv'd to proceed thither with the first Opportunity of a Wind, and his Majesty with the Forces being landed there, it was judged necessary to attempt something of Moment, though with Hazard, for the Honour of the Queen's Arms, and the Service of the King.

*Resolution up-
on some Que-
stions of the
Earl of Peter-
borow's.*

The 24th of *August* the Earl of *Peterborow* desired, at a Council of War, to be informed whether, after eighteen Days, the Fleet could accompany the Army in any Enterprize on shore, and that if the Forces could be embarked in seven Days, the time would admit of their proceeding towards the Relief of the Duke of *Savoy*, and the Performance of Services recommended to them in *Italy*. Upon debating this Matter by the *English* and *Dutch* Flags, (his Lordship present) it was determin'd, that if it should be resolv'd to attack *Barcelona*, according to the King of *Spain's* Letter of the 2d of *September*, N. S. all possible Assistance should be given therein by the Fleet, and that if the Troops march'd towards *Tarragona*, it should attend them, and assist on any Enterprize. That if it was not found practicable to attempt *Barcelona*, otherwisc than with apparent Ruin to the Army, and the Generals at Land should desire the Troops might embark, the Boats belonging to the Fleet should be employ'd in taking them from the Shore; and that when there was found but little Prospect of doing more Service in *Spain*, the Fleet might accompany the Troops as far as *Nice*, or thereabouts, provided they could embark in a Week's time.

On the 27th the Earl of *Peterborow* sent a Proposal, by Brigadier *Stanhope*, that a Number of Men might be landed from the Fleet, to assist in the Attempt against *Barcelona*, and it was determin'd by the Admiral, and the rest of the Flag-Officers, to land

two thousand five hundred Men, well arm'd, including those already on shore, the doing whereof would reduce the Ships to their middle Complements, the Dutch Admiral agreeing also to assist with six hundred Men: However, if the French Fleet approached, it was deemed necessary the said Men, as well as the Marine Soldiers, should immediately come on board again.

But considering the Winter Season was advancing, it was judged too late for the Fleet to proceed to the Coast of Italy, infomuch that it was determined to return towards England the first fair Wind after the 20th of September, yet since the Army had got Possession of *Mont Jouï*, and all the Out-works, the Number of Men before-mention'd were put on shore, for the more speedy Reduction of *Barcelona*, and the Gunners, and Carpenters, desired by the Earl of *Peterborow*, were in a Readiness, when it might be thought necessary, to land them. It was also determined that eight Ships of War should not only cannonade the Town, under the Command of Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, Vice-Admiral of the Red, but cover the Bomb-Vessels which were appointed to bombard it. Now although it had been resolv'd some time before to be drawing homeward after the 20th of September, it was, on the 19th of that Month, agreed to remain before the Place with the Fleet, and to give all possible Assistance, since 'twas hop'd it might in little time be reduced to Obedience; and Cannon, Powder, and Shot, were sent on shore for the Batteries, as well as for the Garrison of *Lexida*.

This important Place being reduced, it was, at a Council of War, held the 1st of October, judged not to be convenient to continue longer in the Mediterranean, since the Ships were in want of Provisions and Stores, which could not be had in those Parts, nor was there any Port for refitting them; wherefore it was resolv'd to appoint fifteen English Ships of the Line, and ten Dutch, with Frigates, Fireships, Bomb-Vessels, &c. for a Winter Squadron; and since the States-General were sending from *Holland* to *Lisbon* five Ships of War, it was propos'd that ten might be dispatch'd from *England*, which would make forty of the Line, that being judg'd sufficient until they could be strengthened towards the end of April.

A farther Quantity of Powder was put on shore from the English and Dutch Ships: with eight Brass Guns, carrying a six Pound Ball, and it was resolv'd that when the Ships design'd to continue abroad with Sir *John Leake* were reduced to seven Weeks Provisions at Short-Allowance, he should proceed to *Lisbon* to refit and victual them, and that two Fourth Rates, three Fifts, and one of the Sixth should be left to follow the Orders of the Earl of *Peterborow*; so that the whole were divided as follows.

To proceed to England with Sir *Cloudestly Showell*,

Rate.	N ^o .
1	1
2	3

Agreed to land Men from the Fleet at Barcelona

Determined not to go to the Coast of Italy.

Resolv'd to land Men, and to cannonade Barcelona.

Barcelona reduced, and it was determin'd to proceed home with the Fleet, and to appoint a Winter Squadron.

Resolv'd to leave some Ships with the Earl of Peterborow.

The manner how the Fleet was divided.

Rate

Rate.		N ^o .
3	— —	13
4	— —	2
5	— —	4
6	— —	1
	Bomb-Veffels — —	3
	Firehips — —	4
	Yacht — —	1

To remain with Sir *John Leake*,

2	— —	2
3	— —	8
4	— —	4
5	— —	3
	Bomb-Veffels — —	2
	Firehips — —	2
	Hospital — —	1
	Yacht — —	1

With the Earl of *Peterborow*,

4	— —	2
5	— —	3
6	— —	1

Left at *Gibraltar*.

6	— —	2
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To cruife for the *Brazil* Fleet.

3	— —	1
4	— —	1

Accordingly Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* fail'd, and getting out of the *Streights* the 16th of *October*, appointed some Ships to convoy the Trade home from *Lisbon*, himself arriving at *Spithead* the 26th of *November*.

Sir Cloudefly
Shovell ar-
rives at Spit-
head.

CHAP. XIX.

Containing an Account of Sir John Leake's Proceedings on the Coast of Portugal, and in the Mediterranean, (the Earl of Peterborow continuing still Admiral of the Fleet, and General of the Forces in Spain) and of the Relief of Barcelona when besieged by the French: As also of the yielding of Carthagenæ by the Spaniards, the taking of the Town and Castle of Alicant, and the Surrender of Yviça and Majorca.

AFTER a tedious Passage of thirteen Weeks, Sir *John Leake* arrived in the River of *Lisbon* from the Coast of *Catalonia*, with one Second Rate, two Thirds, three Fourths, one Fifth, and a Fireship, having left the *Dutch* (for they had heavy Sailors among them) off of *Carthagenæ*, who were then reduced to two Pounds of Bread a Man a Week, of which they had not for above five Weeks, nor were our Ships much better provided; but off of Cape *St. Vincent* he met the *Pembroke*, *Roebuck*, and *Falcon*, with a welcome Supply of Provisions from *England*.

Sir John Leake comes to Lisbon.

Provisions arrive from England.

The 16th of *February* a Council of War took into Consideration the Orders of the Lord High-Admiral, together with my Letters to Sir *John Leake*, of the 3d, 26th, and 31st of *December*, with an Account of the Enemy's Naval Preparations, and other Papers relating to the Disposition of the People of *Cadiz*, and to the Galleons which were going thence to the *Spanish West-Indies*; and thereupon it was resolved to proceed directly to *Cadiz* with all the Ships then ready, *viz.* nine Third Rates, one Fourth, two Frigates, two Fireships, and one Bomb-Vessel of the *English*, and of the *Dutch*, six of the Line of Battel, one Frigate, two Fireships, and a Bomb; and if they found the Galleons in the Bay, they were, if Wind and Weather would permit, to go directly in, and endeavour to take or destroy them. There were at this time some Ships of War and Transports expected with Forces from *England* for *Catalonia*, and it was determined, if they timely arrived, to take the former, and to leave the Transports at *Lisbon*, since it was not safe to send them up the *Streights* without a Convoy capable to protect them.

1707.

A Council of War held,

and

resolved to attempt the Port of Cadiz.

Three Days after another Council of War took into Consideration a Memorial of the King of *Portugal's* to the Lord-Ambassador *Methuen*, and the Minister of the States General at *Lisbon*, as also the pressing Orders of the Lord High-Admiral for succouring *Barcelona*, whereupon it was determined to proceed according to the Resolutions of the former Council, and when that Service should be over, to appoint as many Ships as could be spared for the Security of the

A second Council of War agrees to the Resolutions of the former.

Portugal Brasil Fleet, and with the rest to repair to and remain at *Gibraltar*, until they should be join'd by the Ships and Transports expected from *England*.

Sir John Leake under sail, but stop'd by the Portuguese in the River of Lisbon.

The 24th of *February* the *Dutch Ships* join'd ours in the Bay of *Wares*, and next Morning Sir *John Leake* got under Sail, but when he was near the Bar at the Entrance of the River of *Lisbon*, several Shot were fired at him from *St. Julian's Castle* and some of the Forts, which obliged him to come to an Anchor; the Commanding Officer in the Castle acquainting him that he had Orders from the Duke of *Cadaval* not to suffer any Ship of War, or Merchant Ship to pass the Bar; so that, being thus delayed, he could not get out until next Morning.

He endeavours to intercept the Gallions from Cadiz.

The 27th he reached the length of the Cape *St. Vincent*, where he met the Wind Easterly, and towards Noon it fell calm, but then springing up Westerly, it veered not long after to the N. and N. by E. which carry'd him by next Morning the length of Cape *St. Mary's*, when it came to the N. E. and N. E. by E. with which he stood to the Southward, so as that he might lie in a fair way for intercepting the Gallions, should they get out before the Wind would permit his reaching *Cadiz*.

Sir John Leake by being stop'd by the Portuguese mist the Gallions.

The same Night he received Advice, by a Letter from Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer*, that the Gallions and Flota sailed the 10th of *March*, N. S. in the Morning, with a hard Gale Easterly, and that they were in all about thirty five, or thirty six, of which ten or twelve of 40, 46, and some of 56 Guns, most of them Privateers, which were detained, by order of the *French Court*, to conduct them some part of their way. Sir *John* on this steer'd away S. W. by S. and S. W. all Night, though with little hopes of coming up with them, unless the Easterly Wind had left them when they got the length of the Cape *St. Vincent*. Next Morning he saw two Sail a-head, the Wind being still fresh at E. N. E. and at six a Clock Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer* took one of them, as our Ship called the *Northumberland* did the other, they being *Spaniards* bound first to the *Canary Islands*, and thence to the *West-Indies*, and since they sailed from *Cadiz* the Day after the Gallions, it was judged to no purpose to follow them longer.

But here it is not improper to observe, that the same Day Sir *John* resolv'd to sail from *Lisbon* to *Cadiz*, he desired the Lord-Ambassador *Methuen* that an Embargo might be laid on all Ships and Vessels, that so no Advice might be given to the Enemy; and although what he thus desired was granted by the Court of *Portugal*, yet they suffered five to go over the Bar the next Day, two of which were supposed to be *Danes* bound up the *Streights*.

Advice of the Count of Thoulouse his being sail'd to Barcelona.

The 19th of *March*, off of Cape *Spartell*, Sir *John Leake* spoke with an *English Runner*, nam'd the *Godolphin*, from *Genoa*, whose Master inform'd him, that the Count de *Thoulouse*, High-Admiral of *France*, sail'd the 23d of *April*, O. S. from *Thoulon*, with seventeen Ships of War for *Barcelona*, nine of which had three Decks, and that they had Forces on board; that Monsieur *Du Quesne* had been

been there with nine others some time before, and that six more were daily expected to join them.

In the mean time, up the *Streights*, on this very Day, one of our Ships, the *Resolution*, of 70 Guns, commanded by Mr. *Mordaunt*, youngest Son to the Earl of *Peterborow*, falling in with six Ships of the Enemy near Cape *delle Melle*, in her Passage to *Genoa*, about Five in the Morning, some of which were mounted with 80 Guns, and others 70; they gave chase to her, whereupon Captain *Mordaunt* put his Ship before the Wind, hoping he should be able so to alter his Course in the Night as that the Enemy might not discover the same, but at six a Clock they had a fresh Gale of Wind Easterly, while at the same time he had but small Breezes, insomuch that they got within a League's Distance of him. Upon this the Earl of *Peterborow*, and his Catholick Majesty's Envoy to the Duke of *Savoy*, who were on board the *Resolution*, were, as they desired, removed into a small Frigate, named the *Enterprize*, in order to their being landed, if possible, at *Oneglia*.

The Resolution on attack'd by some French Ships, and burnt by our own People.

About half an Hour after Nine, the *Milford*, a Ship of the Fifth Rate, which was also in Captain *Mordaunt's* Company, stood away to the Northward, without being so much as followed by any of the Enemy's Ships, for they still made all the Sail they were able after the *Resolution*; at which time it beginning to blow very hard in Squalls, she was disabled in her Main-top-sail, and by that means the headmost of the *French* Ships got within Gun-shot of her.

About Twelve at Noon that Ship came up within Pistol-shot, making several Signals to the others which were in Sight, and by the Variety of Winds part of them were gotten somewhat to the Southward; whereupon Captain *Mordaunt* demanded the Opinion of his Officers, what was most proper to be done, who advised the running the Ship on shore on some part of the Territories of *Genoa*, rather than suffer her to be taken, and carried off by the Enemy.

Next Day, being the 20th, it was squally Weather, with the Wind almost round the Compass, and the Enemy continuing their Chase, there was but little hopes of escaping; however all possible care was taken to keep at as great a distance from them as might be, not but that one of their Ships of 70 Guns came, at Seven in the Morning, within Pistol shot of the *Resolution's* Larboard-Quarter, and there happen'd thereupon a sharp Engagement between them.

At eight a Clock the Land was so plainly seen, that the Town and Castle of *Vintimiglia*, about five Leagues to the Eastward of *Nice*, were discovered, and it was determined to make the best of their way to the said Place, in hopes of meeting Protection from the *Genoese*, but the Wind veering to the S. S. W. and the Enemy's Ship still continuing her Fire, and the rest of them outailing the *Resolution*, they approach'd very near to her, insomuch that by ten a Clock two of their Ships of 70 Guns were within Gun-shot, and that of like force before-mentioned seldom out of the reach of a Shot from a Pistol, so that in an Hour's time after she received very much damage in her Masts, Sails, and Rigging.

At Three in the Afternoon Captain *Mordaunt* ran her on shore on a sandy Bay cloſe under the Caſtle of *Vintimiglia*, within a third of a Cable's length to the Land, and then one of the *French* Ships, which lay with her Broadſide againſt her Stern, fired very ſmartly on her, as did the *Reſolution*, in return, with all the Guns which could be brought to bear on her, inſomuch that in an Hour and a half ſhe tack'd, and lay by with her Head to the Southward within Gun-ſhot, the reſt of the *French* Ships being at much the ſame Diſtance.

At half an Hour after Four Captain *Mordaunt* was carried on ſhore, having received a large Wound by a Cannon-ſhot in the back part of his right Thigh, and about Five ſeveral Signals were made by the *French* Commadore; on which all their Boats were mann'd, and ſent to lay the *Reſolution* on board, under the Protection of one of their Ships of 70 Guns, which made a continual Fire on the Approach of the Boats; but the warm Reception which they found conſtrained them to return to reſpective Ships.

On the 21ſt, about half an Hour paſt Six in the Morning, one of the Enemy's Ships of 80 Guns, weighing her Anchor, brought too under the *Reſolution's* Stern, and about nine a Clock, a Spring being put under her Cable, ſhe lay with her Broadſide towards her, while ſhe at the ſame time looked with her Head right into the Shore, ſo that it was not poſſible to bring any more Guns to bear upon the *French* Ship than thoſe of her Stern-Chaſe, and the others being within leſs than Gun-ſhot, and the Water coming into the *Reſolution* as high as her Gun-Deck, Captain *Mordaunt* ſent to his Officers for their Opinion what was fitting to be done, and, purſuant to their Advice, he gave them Directions to ſet her immediately on fire, which they did about eleven a Clock, after the Men were all put on ſhore, and by Three in the Afternoon ſhe was burnt to the Water's Edge.

On the 24th of *March* Sir *John Leake* received Orders from the Earl of *Peterborow*, who was then in *Valencia*, to come with the Fleet off of that Coaſt, and to ſend the ſmall Frigates near to the Shore with the Men, Mony, Ammunition, and Artillery which were to be diſembark'd, or elſe to land them at *Altea*, or *Denia*, that ſo he might repair with a Body of Horſe to join them; and ſince there was a Squadron of twenty *French* Ships in *Barcelona* Road, his Lordſhip recommended it to him to proceed thither with the great Ships, and endeavour to attack and deſtroy them; but he receiving Advice the 19th of *April* that Sir *George Byng* was approaching him with twenty Ships from *England*, reſolv'd to cruize off of *Altea* till he ſhould be join'd by him, which was the next Day, and then it was determined not to ſtay for the Ships and Transports from *Ireland*, but to proceed to *Tarragona*; and if by the Scouts he ſent for Intelligence, it ſhould be found the *French* were in the Road of *Barcelona*, and not too ſtrong, to give them Battel. It was determined to proceed Northward of *Majorca*, that ſo they might timely arrive to relieve the City, which they underſtood was in great danger, and that each Ship ſhould make the beſt

Earl of Peterborow orders the Fleet and Troops to the Coaſt of Valencia,

but

the great Ships to Barcelona.

Sir George Byng joins Sir John Leake.

Reſolved to proceed to the Relief of Barcelona.

of her way thither, without losing time by staying one for another; mean while the Earl of *Peterborow* came off to the Fleet with several Barks, on board of which were about fourteen hundred Land-Forces, and hoisted his Flag, as Admiral, on the *Prince George*, where Sir *John Leake* also bore his. Sir *George Byng* and Sir *John Jennings*, with several Ships which were the best Sailers, got into *Barcelona* Road on the 8th of *April*, in the Afternoon, some Hours sooner than the rest, who discovered the Rear of the *French* Fleet going thence in no little Disorder.

Earl of Peterborow hoists his Flag on board the Fleet.
1706.
Sir George Byng and Sir John Jennings come first to Barcelona.
French Ships retire, and our Forces put on shore.

The Appearance of the *English* and *Dutch* Ships caused an exceeding Joy in the Inhabitants, and immediately the King sent off an Officer, desiring that the Land-Forces might be put on shore, for that he was in hourly Expectation the Enemy would make an Assault at the Breach, which was judged to be then practicable, so that all the Troops, together with the Marine Soldiers, were with all possible Diligence landed from the Fleet.

The *French* nevertheless continued their Attack on the 9th and the 10th, but the next Day their Fire abated very much, and great Numbers of Peasants and Miquelets coming down from the Mountains, they, with several Volunteers from the City, endeavoured to dislodge the Enemy from the Post they had taken. These Skirmishes continued until Eleven at Night, and then the *French* fired two Guns from a Battery on an Hill, which proved to be the Signal for a general Retreat. The young Prince of *Hesse Darmstat*, who commanded at the Breach, sent out a Party to view the Fort *Mont Joui*, and to discover the Enemy's Mines, which they had the good Fortune to do just when the Matches were almost consumed, not but that one of them blew up some part of the Fort.

The French continued their Attacks.
The French prepare to retreat from before the Town.

The *French* set great part of their Magazines on fire, but the neighbouring Peasants saved some of them, as several Miquelets, and Soldiers, who sally'd out from the City, did a considerable Quantity of Powder, by timely putting out the lighted Matches; and these People at Break of Day, supported by some Horse, very much harassed the Enemy's Rear, with whom they skirmished until Nine in the Morning, when a total Eclipse of the Sun held them both in Suspence for some time; but as soon as it was over, the *Catalans* fell on them with more Fury; mean while others went out of the Town to the Enemy's abandon'd Camp, where they found above a hundred Pieces of Brass Cannon, a great Number of Bombs and Gragnadoes, Powder, Cannon, and Musket-Balls, Lead, Spades, Shovels, and many other things, which in the Hurry and Confusion they were in they had left behind, and in the Camp were one hundred and fifty sick and wounded Men.

Set fire to their Magazines.
The Miquelets, &c. harass the French.
An Eclipse of the Sun.
The French leave many things in their Camp.

This important Place being thus preserved, the Fleet failed from thence the 18th of *May*, with all the Forces on board the Ships of War and Transports which could be spared from the Service of *Catalonia*, and arrived on the Coast of *Valencia* the 24th, where they were landed the next Day.

The Fleet arrives on the Coast of Valencia.
A Council of War held, and it was determined to attack Alicante.
Sir

On the 30th of the same Month, at the Instance of the Earl of *Peterborow*, a Council of War was called, where were present

Sir *John Leake*, Sir *George Byng*, Sir *John Jennings*, and Captain *Price*; and of the *Dutch*, Vice-Admiral *Wassenaer*, Captain *Mosse*, and Captain *Somersdike*, by whom it was resolved to proceed to *Alicant*, but if the Town, upon Summons, refused to surrender, to repair to *Altea*, and remain there until they should be join'd by the Bomb-Vessels from *Gibraltar*, with the Ships of War expected from *England* and *Holland*, and that the Land-Forces arrived near *Alicant* to co-operate with the Fleet.

When they were the length of *Altea* two Gentlemen came off, who acquainted Sir *John Leake* that the People of *Carthagena* would, upon the Appearance of the Fleet, declare for King *Charles* the Third, but that Major-General *Maboni* being gotten into *Alicant* with five hundred Horse, it would require a formal Siege to reduce that Place. Hereupon he proceeded to *Carthagena*, and the *Spaniards* yielding, when they saw in what Condition we were to attack them, a Garrison of six hundred Marines was put into the Place, under Major *Hedges*, who was appointed Governor, and Sir *John Jennings* was left to settle the Affairs of the City. Soon after Sir *John Leake* being informed that there was at *Altea* two Gallies going over to *Oran*, on the Coast of *Barbary*, with Money to pay that Garrison, he ordered the *Hampton-Court* and *Tyger* thither, upon the Appearance of which Ships they came off, and declared for King *Charles*.

Carthagena
yields.

Two Spanish
Gallies yield.

Alicant sum-
moned.

The Fleet arriving off of *Alicant* the 26th of *June* in the Afternoon, the Admiral sent a Summons to the Garrison, but was answer'd by *Maboni*, that he was resolved to defend it to the last Extremity, and that to enable him to do it, he had near one thousand Horse and Foot, besides the Inhabitants, having turn'd out of the Place all the usefess People.

After remaining fourteen Days for the Troops in order to carry on the Siege, they were on the 10th of *July* within three Leagues of the Place, but in the whole they exceeded not one hundred and fifty *Spanish* Horse, and thirteen hundred Foot. Brigadier *Gorge* commanded them, who was of opinion that not less than three thousand were sufficient for the intended Service, for he had not any Dependance on the two thousand Militia; and it was now judg'd that there were not Forces sufficient in *Spain* to assist the Duke of *Savoy*, they being in all not above two thousand five hundred Foot; and (as the Earl of *Peterborow* represented) Affairs were much embarrassed, by the King's resolving to go to *Saragosa*, instead of taking the readiest way to *Madrid*.

Brigadier
Gorge ap-
proaches Ali-
cant with his
Troops.

However, since it was determin'd to attack *Alicant*, all the Marines left at *Carthagena* were sent for, my Lord *Peterborow* having appointed another Garrison for that Place; and Brigadier *Gorge* marching from *Elche*, encamped the 21st within a Mile of the Town. The same Day, and the next Morning, all the Marines in the Fleet were landed, and eight hundred Seamen, and at Night the Town was bombarded.

Marines and
Seamen land-
ed, and Ali-
cant bom-
barded.

Next Day at Noon Sir *George Byng* hoisted his Flag on board the *Shrewsbury*, and with her, and four more Third Rates, anchored

in a Line so near to the Town, that they soon dismounted some of their Guns facing the Sea, which were above one hundred and sixty, and drove the Enemy from them.

The 24th Sir *John Jennings* arrived with the Ships from *Carthagena*, when the Marines he brought from thence were landed; and four Days after the Troops having, early in the Morning, made themselves Masters of the Suburbs, all the Boats being mann'd and arm'd, they repaired along the side of the *Shrewsbury*, to receive Orders for sustaining them, or to make an Attack on the Town. At Nine in the Morning the Ships had made a Breach in the round Tower at the West End of the Town, and another at the middle of the Curtain, between the Mole and the Eastermost Bastion, when the Land-Forces marching up towards the Wall of the City, fifteen Grenadiers with an Officer and Serjeant advancing, without order so to do, to the Breach at the round Tower, all the Boats under Command of Sir *John Jennings* went directly to sustain them, but e'er the Men landed, the Grenadiers were beaten back. However the Boats proceeded, and all the Men getting on shore, Captain *Evans* of the *Royal Oak* mounting the Breach first, got into the Town with two or three of the Boat's Crews; Captain *Passenger* of the *Royal Anne* followed, and next to him Captain *Watkins* of the *St. George*, with some Seamen. Sir *John Jennings*, with the rest of the Seamen and Forces who were in Possession of the Suburbs, mov'd on to support them, who coming into the Town, secur'd the Posts, and made proper Dispositions until the rest got in, when *Maboni* retiring into the Castle, left them in Possession, with the Loss of but very few Men; but Colonel *Petit* was kill'd in the Suburbs, when standing Arm in Arm with Sir *John Jennings*, by a small Shot out of a Window, as they were viewing the Ground for raising a Battery against the Wall of the Town, besides whom there were not above thirty killed, either of the Sea or Land, and not more than eighty wounded, notwithstanding the *Spaniards* had a continued Communication from one House to another, and fired on our Men from the Windows, and Holes made for that purpose.

Next Day Brigadier *Gorge* sent a Summons to the Castle, but *Maboni* answer'd, he was resolv'd to defend it to the last, although our Ships had then dismounted all their Cannon towards the Sea, beat down part of the Wall, and that the Shells thrown from the Bombs annoy'd them very much. Notwithstanding this Resolution of *Maboni*, the Castle surrender'd the 25th of *August*, though it might have held out longer; but great part of the People who were in it being *Neapolitans*, and many of them Officers, they obliged the Governour to yield; for by a continued cannonading from the Ships, as well as from the Batteries, and by the *Cohorn* Mortars, which play'd on them both Day and Night, they had but little time to rest, and a considerable Number of Men were kill'd and wounded.

The 29th of *August* there was Intelligence that the *French* were beaten in *Italy*, and the Siege of *Turin* rais'd, so that it was resolv'd to proceed to *Altea* to take in Water, and to send the Transports to *England* with four Ships of the Third Rate, not in a Condition

Sir George Byng drives the Spaniards from their Guns.
Sir John Jennings arrives with the Marines from Carthagena. The suburbs taken.

The Boats with Sir John Jennings sustain the Land Forces. Some Officers and Seamen mount the Breach.

The Town taken, and Maboni retires to the Castle. Colonel Petit killed.

Brigadier Gorge summons the Castle.

The Castle surrenders.

Advice that the Siege of Turin was rais'd.

Some Dutch
Ships sent
home.

dition to stay abroad, and the next Day the *Dutch* Admiral detach'd for *Holland*, by order of the States-General, six Ships of the Line, and soon after two more to *Lisbon*.

Sir John Jen-
nings proceeds
with a Squa-
dron design'd
for the West-
Indies to Lis-
bon.

Sir John
Leake order-
ed home, and
Sir George
Byng to re-
main abroad.
Yvica surren-
der'd to Sir
John Leake,
and
Majorca.

The 2d of *September* the Fleet came to *Altea* Bay, being one First Rate, two Seconds, twelve Thirds, one Fourth, and three Fire-ships of the *English*, and of the *Dutch* ten of the Line, which Day Sir *John Jennings* sail'd to *Lisbon* with six Third Rates, four Fourths, two Fifths, and a Fireship, there to refit and victual them for their intended Voyage to the *West Indies*; and the Earl of *Peterborough* gave Orders to Sir *John Leake* to repair to *England*, leaving Sir *George Byng* to command the Winter Squadron, but first to proceed to *Yvica* and *Majorca*, and oblige those two Islands to submit.

He sailing from *Altea* the 6th of *September*, came before *Yvica* the 9th. the Governor of which Island saluted him before he anchor'd, and sent Deputies to tender his Obedience. Five Days after he came to *Majorca*, but the Vice-Roy, and others in the Interest of the Duke of *Anjou*, declar'd, upon being summon'd, that they would defend it to the last Extremity; however, when two *Dutch* Bomb-Vessels came near to the Town of *Palma*, the Capital of the Island, and had thrown in two or three Shells, the Inhabitants oblig'd the Vice-Roy to retire to the Palace, and to desire a Capitulation; but this Island, with several Places which had been taken from the *Spaniards*, was restor'd to King *Philip*, upon the ensuing Peace, the Crown of *England* keeping Possession only of *Minorca* and *Gibraltar*.

Sir *John Leake* leaving a Garrison of one hundred Marines, with a Captain and Lieutenant, to secure the Castle of *Porto Pin*, and two Ships to bring away the Vice-Roy, and disaffected Persons, he sail'd from thence the 23^d, and being off of *Alicant*, he received Orders from the Lord High-Admiral for his leaving all the Ships in a Condition to remain abroad under Command of Sir *George Byng*, and to repair home with the rest; pursuant to which he got through the *Streights* the 2d of *October* with the *Prince George*, a Ship of the Second Rate, the *Royal Oak*, *Hampton-Court*, *Dorsetshire*, and *Grafton*, of the Third, and a Fireship, with six *Dutch* Ships under Command of Admiral *Wassenaer*, some Days after which he was separated from them by a severe Storm, but arriv'd at *St. Helen's* the 17th of *October*, where he struck his Flag, which was that of Admiral of the White; but before he left the *Spanish* Coast, his Catholick Majesty was pleas'd, by Letter, to acknowledge the Zeal he had shewn for his Service, and to return him Thanks in a very obliging manner.

Sir John
Leake ar-
rives in Eng-
land.

Sir John
Leake's In-
structions to
Sir George
Byng.

The Orders he left with Sir *George Byng* were as follows, *viz.* to take under his Command one First Rate, one Second, ten Thirds, four Fourths, one Fifth, one Sixth, and two Fireships, and when he should make the Signal, to repair with them to *Lisbon*, where having clean'd, and refitted them, he was to appoint them to cruise in such Stations as that they might be most capable of annoying the Enemy, and of guarding the Coast of *Portugal*, according to the Treaty with that Prince, but nevertheless to have them all in Readiness

Readiness

dines to proceed on any Service, with the Squadron of *Dutch Ships* which were to join him from *Holland*. If the Earl of *Peterborow* should desire it, and he had no particular Orders from the Queen, or the Lord High-Admiral to put in Execution, he was either to proceed with a part, or the whole Squadron to the Coast of *Spain*, and to that of *Catalonia*, if the same should be thought advisable by a Council of War; and if the Ministers of *England* and *Holland* at *Lisbon*, or the Earl of *Galloway* should desire it, he was to assist any of the Garrisons on the Sea-Coast not in Possession of the Enemy, and to send Men, Ammunition, or Money to them; and from time to time to supply the Garrison at *Gibraltar* with what they might stand in need of.

Here we will leave Sir *George Byng*, until some Account is given of what happen'd in the *West-Indies*, not only during Sir *John Jennings's* commanding in those Parts, but even before his Arrival there, when Rear Admiral *Whetstone*, and, after him, Commodore *Kerr*, were at the Head of Squadrons at *Jamaica*.

CHAP. XX.

Containing an Account of Sir William Whetstone's Proceedings in the West-Indies; with what happened afterwards while Commodore Kerr, Sir John Jennings, and Mr. Wager commanded in those Parts, and particularly of the taking a Galleon, and other Ships by the latter; as also of the taking another Galleon, and several French Ships with Mr. Littleton.

SIR *William Whetstone* in his Passage from *England* arrived at the *Maderas* the 2d of *April* with one Ship of the Third Rate, four of the Fourth, and two of the Fifth, where taking in a Supply of Wine for the Men, (as is usually done on such Voyages, and of absolute Necessity to preserve their Healths) he proceeded on, and saw the Merchant Ships in Safety first to *Barbadoes*, then to the *Leeward-Islands*, and with the rest repair'd to *Jamaica*, where he arrived the 17th of *May*. Having Intelligence that some *French Ships* were on the Coast of *Hispaniola*, he made all possible Dispatch in getting the Squadron in a Readiness to proceed to Sea, that so he might endeavour to intercept others which were coming from *Carthagena* and *Porto Bello*. The 6th of *June* he sail'd, leaving those at *Jamaica* which were to return to *England* with the Trade, and the 13th making the High-land of *Carthagena*, he came to an Anchor the next Day, but for Intelligence, kept two Frigates cruising to Windward. The 17th he chafed a Ship that was

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Sir William Whetstone comes off of Carthagena.

discovered at a considerable Distance, which in the Night ran in among the *Sambay* Keys, where were very uncertain Soundings, and Shoal Water, insomuch that the *Bristol*, a Ship of 50 Guns, came on Ground, but was gotten off with little or no Damage; however, they came up with the *French* Ship, and after two Hours Dispute with those that were nearest to her, she submitted. She had 46 Guns mounted, and carried out with her three hundred and seventy Men, but bury'd all but one hundred and fifty, unless it were a few they had put into Prizes. She brought six hundred and forty Negroes from *Guinea*, of which two hundred and forty died, and most of the rest were set on shore at *Martinica*, the Island of *St. Thomas*, and *Santa Martha*, for they had heard that a Squadron of *English* Ships was in the *West-Indies*.

A French Ship of 46 Guns taken.

The Rear-Admiral plying to the Eastward, discover'd off of the River *Grande* two Sail close in with the Land, one of which being forced on shore, was burnt by her own Men, being a Privateer fitted out at *Martinica* to disturb our Trade. The Coast being thus alarm'd, and no Prospect of any immediate Service, he returned to *Jamaica*, but appointed three of the best Sailors to cruise twenty Days off of *Anigada*, in the Windward Passage, for the *French* in their return home, it being the usual time for them to go from *Petit-Guavas*, *Port de Paix*, and other Places, but those Ships join'd him again without any Success.

A French Privateer burnt.

Sir William Whetstone returns to Jamaica.

About the beginning of *August* he sent the *Mountague* and *Hector*, which were clean'd just before, to cruise between *Porto Bello* and *Carthagena*, for a rich Ship expected about that time to be in her Passage to *Port Louis*, which two Frigates took a *French* Ship of 24 Guns, bound to *Cape François*, with Sugar, Indigo, and between four and five thousand Hides.

A Ship of 24 Guns taken.

As it is usual for the Galleons, when they are to lade any considerable Quantity of Plate, to touch at some of the Windward Ports first, and then repair to *La Vera Cruz*, there to take in their Wealth, and about the Months of *March* or *April* to sail to the *Havana* for Water, and Refreshments, and thence to proceed home; so the most probable way for intercepting them is by a Squadron's cruising in the Bay of *Campeche*; but should they meet with Success, they must return to *England* through the Gulph of *Florida*, because it is very difficult to turn up to *Jamaica*, when they are so far to Leeward; not that the Rear-Admiral was strong enough to do this, even tho' he had left that Island, (which he was directed to have a particular Eye to) without any Guard by Sea.

The most probable way of intercepting the Galleons when returning home.

The 16th of *August* he sailed from *Jamaica* with the *Suffolk*, *Bristol*, and *Folkston*, together with the *Reserve*, which Ship he sent soon after to cruise on the North side of that Island. The 19th he got fair up with *Hispaniola*, and at Six in the Evening the Wind was at N. N. E. which shifted soon after to the S. S. E. with much Wind and Rain, so that most of the Ships were disabled in their Masts, Sails, and Rigging, and in such a Condition some of them were, especially that Ship where he bore the Flag, by the Weight of Water which made its way into them, that they were in the greatest danger

The Rear-Admiral comes off of Hispaniola,

but

much disabled by bad weather, he returns to Jamaica.

danger of being founde'd; however, in this lamentable Case, they had the good Fortune to reach *Jamaica*, where they continued a considerable time before they could be put in a Condition for farther Service.

The *Mountague*, a Ship of 60 Guns, some time after met with on the Coast of *Hispaniola*, one of 48, and another of 36, both loaden, and bound to *France*, which after engaging about an Hour, and Night coming on, she lost sight of, but saw them fairly next Morning. The Officers were not then willing to renew the Fight, nor were the Seamen less backward, so that the Enemy slip't through their Fingers, of which the Commander complaining to the Flag, the Officers were dismissed, and his Conduct being examin'd into at a Court-Martial, he was honourably acquitted, it plainly appearing that neither his Officers nor Men had any Inclination to stand by him.

The Mountague engaging two French Ships, they escape.

The Rear-Admiral, however, thought it proper to send two Fourth Rates in quest of these Ships that had escap'd the *Mountague*, which meeting them, with Merchant Ships in their Company, they were so intent on seizing the latter, that they gave Opportunity to the others to escape, so that they only brought in five; but the Senior Captain, who had of Course the Command, was broke for his ill Conduct by a Court-Martial.

Some of our Ships meeting the aforesaid two Ships, take the Merchants, and escape.

At this time there was a great want of Stores and Provisions in the Squadron, nor could the Island of *Jamaica* furnish what was necessary; in Addition to which Misfortune there happen'd another, for (by what Accident was not known) the *Suffolk*, where Rear-Admiral *Whetstone's* Flag was flying, happen'd to blow up in the Gun-room, and as most of the Men there were kill'd, so were seventy more burnt to that degree in their Hammocks between the Decks, that most of them died soon after; and had the Ports been open when this unhappy Accident happen'd, the Ship must have run the greatest Hazard of being destroyed.

The Rear-Admiral's Ship blows up in the Gun-room.

The Flag had an Account of no more than five *French* Ships at *Martinica*, which had some time before plunder'd the South side of *St. Christopher's*, four of them from 66 to 50 Guns, and one of 32; besides which they had several Sloops; and towards the latter end of *March* he stretch'd over again to the Coast of *Hispaniola*, taking with him a Sloop, appointed by the Governor of *Jamaica* to carry the King of *Spain's* Declarations to the Commander in Chief at *Cartagena*, in which Port the *Spanish* Gallcons were arriv'd ten Days before he came on the Coast, but not being able to do any Service there, he return'd: And it is somewhat remarkable that this Year the *Barlovento* Ships, four in Number, went away from *La Vera Cruz* in *December*, which was sooner than had been known before, and arriv'd at *Puerto Rico* in *February*.

In the beginning of *June* the Rear-Admiral had Advice that some *French* Ships were at *Petit-Guavas*, three or four of them Men of War, and that they were to be join'd by the like Number from *Cape Francois*, whereupon he immediately put to Sea with one Ship of the Third Rate, two of the Fourth, two of the Fifth, and a Fire-ship,

Advice of some French Ships, and Sir William Whetstone's Success.

Advice of
Monsieur Du
Casse, &c.

ship, in hopes of attacking them before they could join, but a strong Lee Current frustrated his Design; nor was it long e'er he heard that Monsieur *Du Casse* was gone to *Carthagera* with eight stout Ships of War, and that he was design'd from thence to *Porto Bello*, and afterwards (as was given out) for *La Vera Cruz*; besides, it was reported, that those to Windward would go to the *Havana*, and stay there until Monsieur *Du Casse* joined them from *La Vera Cruz*, so that they would then be in all sixteen.

Commadore
Kerr arrives
at Jamaica.

The 7th of *July*, pursuant to Orders from the Lord High-Admiral, he sent the *Mountague* and *Folkston* to *Newfoundland*, there to join other Ships which might be expected from *England*, and the 25th of the same Month Commadore *Kerr* arrived at *Jamaica*, upon which a Council of War was call'd, where it was agreed to send those Frigates back to *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward-Islands*, which he had brought from thence upon notice that *Jamaica* was in danger. The Ships that came from *England* with Mr. *Kerr* were one of the Third Rate, five of the Fourth, two of the Fifth, two Sixth Rates, and a Fireship; and Sir *William Whetstone* having Advice that some of the Enemy's Ships and Galleons were at *Carthagera*, it was resolv'd to proceed thither, pursuant to the Instructions of the High-Admiral, which required their acting together if they found any Prospect of doing Service.

The Squadron
comes before
Carthagera,

Rear-Admiral *Whetstone* and Captain *Kerr* sailed from *Jamaica* the 8th of *August*, and coming before the Harbour of *Carthagera* the 18th, a Letter was sent to the Governor of the Place, with some printed Papers, declaring the Success of Her Majesty's Arms, in Conjunction with those of Her Allies, and inviting him to submit to King *Charles* his lawful Prince; to which he made evasive Answers and withal told them, that he knew no other King than *Philip* his rightful Sovereign. In the Port there were fourteen Galleons, all lying close in with the Town, and unrigg'd, and as the *Spaniards* would not suffer any Ships to enter there, or at *Porto Bello*, so did not the Pilots in the Squadron think it proper to force a Passage, by reason of the Narrowness of the Port, and the Shoals, unless we were first in Possession of *Bocca Chica* Castle, and the other Forts, since there was no turning in for Ships of such Draught of Water; wherefore Sir *William Whetstone* returning to *Jamaica*, he, when the Trade was ready, made the best of his way from thence to *England*, where he arrived the 23d of *December*, having left Mr. *Kerr* to command the Ships design'd for farther Service at the aforesaid Island; and of what happen'd during his being there, as well as in his Passage thither, I shall in the next Place give an Account.

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judged not
practicable to
attempt the
Galleons
there.

Sir William
Whetstone
sails for Eng-
land, and
leaves Mr.
Kerr at Ja-
maica.

Commadore
Kerr's Pro-
ceedings before
he joined Sir
William
Whetstone
at Jamaica.

In his Voyage from *England* he saw the Trade bound to *Virginia*, and *Newfoundland*, about one hundred Leagues into the Sea, and calling at *Barbadoes*, and the *Leeward-Islands*, (at the latter whereof the *French* had some little time before done considerable Mischief, by landing Men from their Ships, and Sloops, and carrying off great Numbers of *Negroes*) it was resolv'd that his Squadron (which was one Third Rate, five Fourths, two Fifths, one Sixth, and a Fireship) should be re-inforced by the two Fourth Rates attend-

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ing on *Barbadoes*, and the Fifth Rate Frigate at the *Leeward-Islands*, which were to be returned to their Stations as soon as they could be spared; for it was now judged that the *French* were gone to *Jamaica*, and that those Squadrons commanded by *Monsieurs Chabrenac* and *D'Iberville*, were to be join'd by another with *Monsieur Du Casse*, who, as it was reported, was first to touch at the Island of *Tabago*, lying almost as far to the Eastward as *Barbadoes*, in about 11^d and 16^m Latitude.

Stretching over from *Jamaica* to the Coast of *Hispaniola*, he appointed the Isle of *Abbe* for his Rendezvous, which is on the South West Coast of *Hispaniola*, just within which the *French* have a great Settlement call'd *Port Louis*, and thence plying over to *Terra Firma* to the Bay of *Gayra*, there the Squadron wooded and water'd, and the Men were refresh'd, whence departing the 4th of *September* for his aforefaid Rendezvous, the Isle of *Abbe*, the Winds hanging Northerly, he was forced to Leeward, and making the West End of *Hispaniola*, he held a Council of War, to consider whether it was practicable to attempt *Port Louis* by Surprize before they failed to *Petit-Guavas*, but the Pilots not being well acquainted with the Entrance into the Port, it was determined forthwith to proceed to the latter Place, and to go to the Northward of the Island *Guavana*, the better to carry on the Design without being discover'd.

Not thought practicable to attempt Port Louis.

The 13th of *September* he gave Orders to Captain *Boyce* to proceed with a small Frigate called the *Dunkirk-Prize*, and the Boats of the Squadron, mann'd and arm'd, and to range in the Night along the Bays of *Logane* and *Petit-Guavas*, with all possible Care and Secrecy, and so to dispose of them as that they might destroy the Enemy's Ships in either of those Roads, and to return to the Squadron next Morning upon the Signal which should be made. But if he got notice at *Logane* that there were any Number of *French* Ships at *Petit-Guavas*, he was, without proceeding farther, to come off and join the Commadore. On this Service the Frigate and Boats proceeded, but some of them straggling from the rest, alarm'd the Coast, so that the Attempt was render'd impracticable.

Capt. Boyce sent with Boats to destroy Ships at Logane and Petit-Guavas.

They sail in the Attempt.

There was such a Mortality among the Men belonging to the Ships, that for a considerable time the whole Squadron lay at *Jamaica* altogether useless; and on the 2d of *January* *Sir John Jennings* arrived with the Ships detached from the *Streights*, of whose Proceedings thither, and while he was in those Parts, I come now to give an Account.

Sir John Jennings arrives at Jamaica.

As it hath been already said, he was directed to repair to *Lisbon* to refit and victual his Squadron, and although he was much interrupted therein by bad Weather, yet he sail'd from thence the 15th of *October*, but contrary Winds preventing his reaching the *Maderas*, he bore away for *Teneriffe*, one of the *Canary Islands*, and stood close in to the Bay of *Santa Cruz* the 27th, where he discover'd five Ships near to the Fortifications. Some of the smaller Frigates were sent in to endeavour, by their Boats, to cut their Cables, and turn them on shore, but the *French* and *Spaniards* fired so hotly from the Platforms they had rais'd, that it was not practicable to

Endeavour'd in his Passage to destroy some Ships at Santa Cruz.

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make any Attempt with the Boats, without laying some Ships so as that their Broadfides might batter the Forts; so that proceeding towards the Cape Verde Islands, he arriv'd the 4th of *November* at *St. Jago*, the chief of them, where he water'd the Ships, and supplied them with fresh Provisions, which he purchased by the Consent of the *Portuguese* Governor.

See John Jennings's comes to Barbadoes.

From thence he sail'd the 12th, and arriv'd in *Carlisle Bay* at *Barbadoes* the 29th, where he stay'd until the 5th of *December*, having put on shore the Guns and Ordnance-Stores appointed for the better Security of that Colony, as he did at the *Leeward-Islands*, when he arriv'd there.

and

the Leeward-Islands,

On his Arrival at *Monserat*, he order'd the *Mary*, *Roebuck*, and *Faulcon* to run down the *Spanish Coast*, as low as *Cartagena*, to gain Intelligence in what Port the Galleons were, and then to join him at *Jamaica*; and he having touch'd at other of the *Leeward Islands*; and sent some of the Ships of his Squadron to the rest, with the necessary Supplies, he arriv'd at *Jamaica* the 2d of *January*, as is before-mention'd. There he found Commadore *Kerr's* Pendant of Distinction flying in the *Sunderland*, a Ship of the Fourth Rate, the rest of his Squadron, viz. the *Breda*, *Windsor*, and *Assistance*, being in the Harbour refitting, having buried a great many Men, but by the Assistance of General *Handafsyde*, Governor of the Island, who furnish'd as many Soldiers as could be spared, he got the three first in a Condition for Service, and by the said Governor was inform'd, that, according to the last Advices he had received, the Galleons were still at *Cartagena*, all unrigg'd, having no part of their Loading on board, and that in all Probability they would not be ready to sail in less than nine Months.

and

Jamaica, as before said.

By one of his Ships, the *Mary*, he sent a Letter to the Governor of *Cartagena*, letting him know that the Queen his Mistress having espous'd the Interest of *Charles* the Third of *Spain*, had by her own Arms, and those of her Allies, reduced the greatest part of that Kingdom, and thereby redeem'd them from the intended Slavery of the *French*. That he was order'd into those Parts by Her Majesty, with the Concurrence of the Catholick King, to assure all his Subjects there of Her Majesty's Friendship and Protection; and that if the General of the Galleons should think fit to accept of the Offer, he was directed to yield them all possible Assistance, and to see them in Safety to *Spain*, for that, in all likelihood, not only *Cadiz*, but *Sevil*, and *St. Lucar*, had declared for the King, and that a powerful Strength, both by Sea and Land, was going from *England* to countenance his Affairs. To this he desired an Answer with all convenient Speed, and particularly to be inform'd whether he might be permitted to enter the Port, having with his Letter transmitted to the Governor several of the King's Declarations, and some printed Papers of News.

See John Jennings's Letter to the Governor of Cartagena, with an Account of what was said.

See the Letter to the Governor of Spain.

The Governor answer'd him thus. That as to the News, it was entirely contradicted by a *Spanish* Advice-Boat, which arriv'd in forty Days from *Cadiz*, and brought him not only Orders from his Master, King *Philip*, but an Account that he was return'd to his

Court

Court at *Madrid*, had regain'd all those Towns which were in Possession of his Enemies, and torally routed them, so that himself, and the General of the Galleons, would shed the last Drop of their Blood in his Service.

The 15th of *January* it was determined at a Council of War to proceed with all the Ships, except the *Northumberland*, of the Third Rate, disabled by the Sickness of her Men, to the Bay of *Carthagena*, that so the Admiral might know the final Resolution of the Governor of that Place, and the aforesaid General of the Galleons. There he arrived the 24th of the same Month, but both the one and the other adhering to their former Resolutions, he departed thence, and coming into *Blewfields Bay*, at *Jamaica*, caused the Squadron to be water'd and fitted in the best manner that could be, whence sailing the 25th of *February*, he got through the Gulph of *Florida*, and with a prosperous Wind arrived at *Spithead* the 22^d of *April*.

Sir John Jennings arrives at Carthagena, but returns to Jamaica, and to England.

Commadore *Kerr* being left at *Jamaica*, he gain'd Intelligence by Letters taken in a Prize, that a strong Squadron was expected in those Parts from *France*, under Command of Monsieurs *Cotlogou* and *Du Casse*, to convoy home the Galleons, but that as yet they were in no Readiness to accompany them; and a Supply of Provisions coming to *Jamaica* from hence, the Commadore sail'd the latter end of *November* for *England*; who being succeeded in the *West-Indies* by Mr. *Wager*, I shall in the next Place give an Account of his Proceedings there from the time he sail'd from hence, and then return to Sir *George Byng*, who (as hath been said before) was left with a Squadron on the Coast of *Portugal*, and after that treat of Tranfactions at home, that so the several Services may appear as entire together as it is possible.

Commadore Kerr succeeded by Mr. Wager in the West-Indies.

Commadore *Wager* sail'd with the Squadron under his Command, which consisted of one Third Rate, four Fourths, two Fifths, and a Fireship, and came to the *Maderas* the 26th of *April*, where taking in Wine for the Men, he departed from thence the 5th of *June*, and arrived at *Antegoa* the 9th, whence sailing next Morning, he water'd the Ships at *Monferat* the 11th, and came the Day following to *Nevis*.

Mr. Wager proceeds towards Jamaica.

Departing from that Island, he proceeded to *Jamaica*, where he found Commadore *Kerr*, whose Orders he was to observe during their Stay there together, which was not to be more than two or three Days after the 24th of *August*; and at this time there was not any Intelligence of the Enemy's Squadrons in those Parts, but their Privateers had done so much damage to our Trade, that the Loss was esteem'd to be Ten thousand Pounds.

The Privateers in the West Indies much damage our Trade.

The 28th of *August* Mr. *Wager* called a Council of War, and it was agreed that for the Security of the Island of *Jamaica*, one Ship should be left in *Port Royal Harbour*, and another cruise on the East part of it; that two Frigates should be employed six Weeks, or two Months, or longer, if he thought fit, upon the Coast of *Carthagena* and *Porto Bello*, against the Enemy's Privateers there; and that the rest of the Ships, (for Mr. *Kerr* was then sail'd for *England*)

A Council of War held.

land) viz. the Expedition, Windsor, Kingston, Portland, Assistance, and Dunkirk's Prize, should proceed to Windward, and cruise six Weeks, or two Months upon the Coast of Hispaniola, and in the Windward Passage, but that if he received Advice of a French Squadron in those Parts, or of the sailing of the Galleons from Carthagena, it should be considered at a Council of War what farther Measures to take.

He was much hinder'd by the Rains in getting the Ships ready to proceed according to this Resolution, but on the 28th of November he sail'd, and sent the *Severn* and *Dunkirk's Prize* a-head of him, to discover the Posture of the Galleons, and to gain Intelligence. Those Ships joining him the 5th of December, gave him an Account that the Galleons were not in a Readiness to sail; but by Letters found in a Sloop, taken in her Passage from *Porto Bello* to *Carthagena*, he understood that Monsieur *Du Casse* was come with a Squadron to *Martinica*, with a Design of convoying the Flota and Galleons from the *Havana*, which Squadron was much stronger than that under his Command.

Mr. Wager
has an Account of
Monsieur Du
Casse.

Being the 10th of December off of *Carthagena*, he received a Letter by a Sloop from Brigadier *Handasyde*, Governor of *Jamaica*, with one enclosed to him from Colonel *Parkes*, who presid'd at the *Leeward-Islands*, dated the 18th of November, informing him that on the 11th of that Month Monsieur *Du Casse* arriv'd at *Martinica*, with ten Ships of War, eight of them from 70 to 86 Guns, and several large Privateers, and that they expected eighteen more. This Colonel *Parkes* believ'd too great a Strength, they having Land-Forces on board, to be design'd against the *Leeward-Islands*, and therefore dispatch'd notice of it to *Barbadoes*, and *Jamaica*, that they might be timely upon their Guard.

Farther Account of
Monsieur Du
Casse.

That very Night he left the *Spanish Coast*, and stood over for *Jamaica*, where arriv'g the 22d, he examin'd three Persons that had made their Escape from *Petit Guavas*, who assur'd him it was generally reported that Monsieur *Du Casse* was at *Port Louis* with twenty Ships, so that apprehending they would attempt *Jamaica*, it was determin'd to place our Squadron at the Entrance of *Port Royal Harbour*, in such a manner as that, with the Assistance of the Fort, they might be able to give them a warm Reception; but other Prisoners, who came from *St. Domingo*, inform'd him that they had heard nothing of this *French Squadron*, although they had had the Liberty of walking the Streets, and conversing with the People of that Place.

By a Sloop sent to the Coast of *Hispaniola*, which took another off of *Port Louis*, he had an Account the 16th of January from the Prisoners, that Monsieur *Du Casse* stay'd but eight Days there, and then sail'd to the *Havana* (which was on the 19th or 20th of December) with nine Ships of War, the biggest mounted with 66, and the least with 50 Guns, together with a Fireship, in order to convoy the Flota and Galleons from thence, and that to hasten them he had sent a Ship of 50 Guns before him.

Advice of
Monsieur Du
Casse his be-
ing at Ha-
vana.

The Merchants at *Jamaica* (who were pretty well acquainted with the Affairs of the *Spaniards*) were of Opinion that the Galleons could not be at the *Havana* before *May*, but that if those they call the *Spanish Men of War* (which were four) should be hasten'd away with the King's Mony, and leave the Galleons behind, they might be there a Month sooner at least: Nor did they believe the Flota from *La Vera Cruz* could arrive before *April* or *May*, though there was a Probability the *French Squadron* might quicken both one and the other.

The Merchants's Opinion about the Galleons.

Receiving Advice, some time after this, that the *Spanish Galleons* were gone to *Porto Bello*, he sail'd the 16th of *February*, and coming to the Isle of *Pines*, remain'd there until the 24th of *March*, during which time he received two Letters from Captain *Pudner* of the *Severn*, who was with our trading Sloops near *Porto Bello*, giving him an Account that the Galleons would not fail before *May*; and considering that his Provisions would be very short by that time, it was resolv'd at a Council of War to return to *Jamaica*, where he arriv'd the 5th of *April*, and another Council being call'd the 13th of that Month, it was judg'd not practicable to attempt the Ships in the Harbour of *Porto Bello*, by reason ours were inferior in Strength, so that it was resolv'd to proceed over to the *Spanish Coast*, and watch their Motion; but as our Ships could not lay there undiscover'd, it was thought most proper to endeavour to prevent their coming out of the Port; and at this time the Commadore expected to be join'd by the *Affiance*, *Scarborough*, and *Dunkirk's Prize* from *Hispaniola*.

Resolv'd to proceed in quest of the Galleons.

The 23d of *May* he received a Letter from Captain *Pudner*, then at the *Bastamentos*, that the Galleons, and other Vessels, in all thirteen, were the 19th of that Month under Sail off of that Place, in their way to *Carthagena*, which appearing not in three Days, though the Winds had hung Westerly, Mr. *Wager* suspected they had notice he was on the Coast, and were gone for the *Havana*: But the 28th at Noon there were discover'd from his Top-mast Head seventeen Ships, the same he look'd for, and they considering his small Strength, (for then he had with him no more than the *Expedition*, *Kingston*, *Portland*, and *Vulture* Fireship) were resolv'd to push their way.

Captain Pudner sends an Account of the Galleons.

Mr. Wager discovers the Galleons, and chases them.

To these Ships, which bore South, and S. by W. from him, he gave Chase, with fair Weather, and very little Wind at S. S. E. and the same Evening discover'd them to be really the Galleons from *Porto Bello*, which did not endeavour to get from him, but finding they could not Weather the *Baru*, a small Island, so as to stand in for *Carthagena*, they stretch'd to the Northward with an easy Sail, and drew into an irregular Line of Battel, the Admiral, who wore a white Pendant at the Main-top-mast Head, in the Centre, the Vice-Admiral, with the same Pendant at the Fore-top-mast Head, in the Rear, and the Rear-Admiral, who bore the Pendant at the Mizzen-top-mast Head, in the Van, about half a Mile from each other, there being other Ships between them. Of the seventeen, two were Sloops, and one a Brigantine, which stood in for the Land;

two others of them were *French Ships*, which running away, had no Share in the Action, the rest *Spaniards*.

Mr Wager attacks the Galleons, which lay by for him.

The Commadore having been inform'd that the three Admirals (as they were call'd) had all the Money on board, it is not to be wonder'd at that he made his utmost Efforts against them, and coming near, he order'd the *Kingston* to engage the Vice-Admiral, he himself making Sail up to the Admiral, while a Boat was sent to the Captain of the *Portland* to attempt the Rear-Admiral, and since there was no present occasion for the Fireship, she was placed to Windward.

The Admiral of the Galleons blows up.

The Sun was just setting when Mr. *Wager* came up with the Admiral, and then beginning to engage, in about an Hour and half's time (it being dark) she blew up, not without great Danger to the *Expedition*, from the Splinters and Plank which fell on board her on fire, and the great Heat of the Blast. Hereupon the Commadore put abroad his Signal by Lights for keeping Company, and endeavour'd to continue Sight of some of the Enemy's Ships; but finding after this Accident they began to separate, and discovering but one, which was the Rear-Admiral, he made Sail after her, and coming up about Ten a Clock, when he could not judge which way her Head lay, it being very dark, he happen'd to fire his Broadside, or many Guns at least, into her Stern, which did so much Damage, that it seem'd to disable her from making Sail, and being then to Leeward, he tacking on the *Spaniard*, got to Windward of him, and the *Kingston* and *Portland* (which had by reason of the Darknes of the Night, or the blowing up of the Admiral, which made it very thick thereabouts, lost Sight of the other Ships) following his Lights, soon after came up with him, and assisted in taking the Rear-Admiral, who called for Quarter about Two in the Morning.

The Rear-Admiral of the Galleons chased, and taken.

On board of this Ship he sent his Boats to bring to him the chief Officers, and before the rising of the Sun he saw one large Ship on his Weather Bow, with three Sail upon the Weather Quarter, three or four Leagues off, ours lying then with their Heads to the North, the Wind being at N. E. an easy Gale. Then he put out the Signal for the *Kingston* and *Portland* to chase to Windward, not being able himself to make Sail, being much disabled; and as he had a great part of his Men in the Prize, so were there no less than three hundred Prisoners on board his own Ship.

The Kingston and Portland ordered to chase other Ships.

On Sunday the 30th, the Wind being from the N. E. to the N. N. W. and but little of it, the *Kingston* and *Portland* had left off Chase, but he made the Signal for their continuing it, which they did, and ran him out of Sight, the Fireship still continuing with him; and he having lain by some time not only to put the Prize in a Condition for Sailing, but to refit his own Rigging, made Sail Eastward the 31st, when the *Kingston* and *Portland* joined him, and gave him an Account that the Ship they chased was the Vice-Admiral, to which, as they said, they came so near as to fire their Broadfides at her, but were so far advanced towards the *Salmadinas*, a Shoal off of *Cartagena*, that they were forced to tack and leave her. Thus escaped that very rich Carrack; and though it is reasonable

to imagine, that when so fair a Prospect offered to those who were in Pursuit of her of making their Fortunes, nay such an one as could not have been hoped for again in an Age, the utmost would have been done to prevent her slipping thus through their Fingers; yet the Commadore not being satisfied with their Conduct, and the Officers and Men making great Complaints, he caused the same to be strictly enquired into at a Court-Martial, when he returned to *Jamaica*, and thereupon they were dismissed from their Commands.

By a small *Swedish* Ship which had been trading at the *Baru*, Mr. *Wager* had an Account that one of the large Galleons ran in there, whereupon he gave Orders to the Captain of the *Kingston* to take with him the *Portland* and *Fireship*, and endeavour to bring her out, or if that could not be done, to burn her, if possible, there being no considerable Fortifications at that Place.

An Account of a Galleon at the Baru, and the Kingston and Portland sent to seize her.

Tuesday the first of *June* it was for the most part calm, and he endeavouring on Wednesday to get to the Eastward, found the Ship drove away to the S.W. when enquiring of the Prisoners the Strength and Riches of the Galleons, they gave him the following Account, viz. that the Admiral was a Ship of 64 Guns, with six hundred Men, called the *Joseph*, and had on board, as some said, five Millions of Pieces of Eight, others seven, in Gold and Silver. That the Vice-Admiral mounted 64 Brass Guns, and had between four and five hundred Men, with four, or, as some said, six Millions; and that the Rear-Admiral was mounted with 44 Guns, having eleven more in her Hold, with about three hundred Men, but that upon some Difference between the Admiral and him at *Porto Bello*, Orders were given that no more Money should be shipped on board her, so that thirteen Chests of Pieces of Eight, and fourteen Piggs, or Sows of Silver, was all that could be found, which were privately brought on board her in the Night, and belonged to some of the Passengers, except what others might have about them, or were in Trunks, of which they could give no Account. They also informed him that the other Ships had little or no Money on board, but were chiefly loaden with *Coco*, as the Rear-Admiral was.

An Account of the Riches on board the Galleons.

Provisions and Water growing short, and the Commadore, by reason of contrary Winds, not being able to get Eastward, he bore up, and put the Prisoners on shore at the great *Baru*, with a Flag of Truce, and the Rear Admiral also with the rest at his earnest Entreaty, where he understood from the *Spaniards*, (who were very civil) that one of the Galleons of 40 Guns was going out from thence towards *Carthagena* when the *Kingston* and *Portland* appeared, but that upon sight of them they went in again, and ran her on shore, when setting her on fire the soon blew up.

Advice that one of the Galleons ran on shore and was blown up.

Mr. *Wager* having Intelligence at *Jamaica* that nine Ships were seen at an Anchor in the Bay of *La Guarda*, on the West side of *Porto Rico*, as also that others were ready to sail from *Cadiz* to *La Vera Cruz* in *April* last, he sent out the *Windfor* and *Scarbrough*, which were all the Ships he had ready to go to Sea, directing their Commanders to join the *Assistance*, and endeavour to intercept them off of *Cape St. Nicholas*, on *Hispaniola*, the Count

Some Ships sent to intercept those of the Enemy.

which the *Spaniards* constantly steer; and having received Advice of the *French* Squadrons in those Parts, and of the Galleons, he transmitted the same to *England*, that, if possible, Ships might be particularly appointed to look out for them in their Passage home.

Captain Hutchins has an Account of some Ships at the *Bassimentos*.

Captain *Hutchins* of the *Portland* being, as hath been already said, at the *Bassimentos*, with the trading Sloops, he had Advice, just upon his Arrival on the Coast, that four of the Enemy's Ships were at Anchor there, two of them with *Dutch* Colours, of about 50 Guns each, one of the other with the Colours of *Denmark*, and the fourth shewing none at all. The next Morning he stood in for the *Bassimentos*, and when he was about two Miles from the aforesaid Ships, they all hoisted *French* Colours, and drew up in a Line at the Entrance of the Harbour, whereupon he laid his Head off to Sea, and viewing them some time, judged them to be two of 50 Guns, and the other two of about 30 each. By a Cannon which he dispatched from the *Samblas*, he was informed that the two largest were the *Coventry*, (a Fourth Rate the *French* had some time before taken from us) and the *Minion*, both from *Guinea*, one of the other a *French* Trader of 36 Guns, and the Fourth a *Dutch* Ship they had taken at the *Bassimentos*, and that the two last went down to *Porto Bello* the Day after he appeared off of that Place, the other two, namely the Ships from *Guinea*, being ready to proceed.

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The 25th of *March* he sailed from the *Samblas*, and the 27th arriving at the *Bassimentos*, the *Spaniards* who came off assured him that the two *Guinea* Ships would sail in a Day or two; and his Boat, which he kept in the Night off of the Harbour of *Porto Bello*, coming off the 1st of *April*, gave him an Account that they were sailed the Evening before, whereupon he immediately stood to the Northward till the 3d, and then saw them about Eight in the Morning. At Noon he discover'd their Hulls very plain, and they being to Windward, bore down to him, firing some Guns as they passed by, soon after which they wore as if they design'd to engage in the Evening, but did not. It was little Wind, and about six a Clock he tack'd upon them, and keeping fight all Night, near Eight in the Morning came up within Pistol-shot of the *Minion*, but was obliged to fight her to Leeward, because he could not possibly carry out his Lee-Guns, though the Ships of the Enemy did. The *Coventry*, after he had been warmly engaged, got on his Lee-Bow, and firing very smartly at his Masts, did them no little Damage; but he being not willing to be diverted from the *Minion*, ply'd her very smartly, nor could she get from him until they had shot his Main-top-lail Yard in two, when both of them shot a-head, he creeping after them as fast as possible in that crippled Condition, in the mean while splicing his Rigging, bending new Sails, and repairing other Damages in the best manner he could.

Captain Hutchins discovered two Sloops.

About Four in the Morning a Boat was perceived going from the *Minion* to the *Coventry*, so that he believed he had much disabled the former, and that by the frequent passing of the Boat between them, she was sending the best of her Loading on board the other.

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By Ten at Night he had compleated all his Work, and the next Morning was ready for a second Encounter, but it proving little Wind, he could not come up with them until the 6th, when, before Seven in the Morning, he was cloic in with the *Coventry*, which Ship hauled up her Main-sail, and lay by for him. Coming nearer to her, it was observed she had many small Shot Men, so that he durst not clap her on board, as he had designed, but plied her with his Guns, mean while he received but little Damage from the *Minion*. Between Eleven and Twelve he brought the *Coventry's* Main-mast by the Board, and then her Fire was much lessened; however, continuing to do what they could, at half an Hour past Twelve she struck, the first Captain being killed, the second wounded, and a great Slaughter made among the Men, many of them being those who belonged to the *Minion*, whereas of ours there were but nine killed, and twelve wounded, most of whom recover'd, and in the Prize there were about twenty thousand Pieces of Eight, great part whereof were found among the *French* Seamen.

Captain Hutchins engages the Coventry.

The Coventry taken.

Towards the latter end of *July* Mr. *Wager* received a Commission from his Royal Highness, appointing him Rear-Admiral of the Blue Squadron, with an Order for sending home six of the Ships under his Command, Captain *John Edwards* being arrived at *Jamaica* with the *Monmouth* of the Third Rate, the *Jersey* of the Fourth, and the *Roebuck* of the Fifth, with Orders to bring home with him the *Expedition*, *Windfor*, *Assistance*, *Dolphin*, *Dunkirk's Prize*, and *Vulture* Fireship; and by the last Intelligence the Rear-Admiral receiv'd of the *Spanish* Flota, they sailed from the *Havana*, with a *French* Squadron, commanded by Monsieur *Du Cassé*, the latter end of *June* 1708, the *Flotilla*, which lately arrived from *Cadiz*, being gone to *La Vera Cruz*.

1708.

Mr. Wager receives a Commission to be Rear-Admiral of the Blue.

Advice of the Flota's sailing.

The Vice-Admiral of the Galleons, with the others that got into *Carthageua*, were in that Port in the Month of *August* unrigg'd, and by all Accounts from the *South-Sea*, the *French* were very numerous in those Parts, many of them having begun to settle among the *Spaniards* at *Lima*, (the Capital of *Peru*) which not only made them very uneasy, but spoil'd our Trade on this side for Plate, except for what might come from *Mexico* to *La Vera Cruz*.

The French very numerous in the South-Seas.

The latter end of *September* the Ships before-mention'd sailed towards *England*, except the *Dunkirk's Prize*, which Frigate not being in a Condition to be trusted home in the Winter, the Rear-Admiral sent her out on a short Cruisè with the *Monmouth*, (the Ship whereon he was to hoist his Flag) under the Command of his first Lieutenant when in the *Expedition*, Captain *Purvis*, and they brought in two *French* Merchant Ships, one of 100, the other of 150 Tuns, loaden with Wine, Brandy, and other Goods from *Robelle*, bound to *Petit-Guavas*; but cruising soon after on the North side of *Hispaniola*, the *Dunkirk's Prize* chased a *French* Ship until she ran on shore near *Port François*, and following her too near, the Pilot not being well acquainted, she struck upon a Ledge of Rocks, where, being a very weak Ship, she soon bulged.

Two French Merchant Ships taken.

The Dunkirk's Prize lost, but

Captain

Captain Purvis takes the Ship she chased.

Captain *Purvis* with some of his Men got upon a small Key, or Island, within Shot of the *French Ship*, and though she had 14 Guns, and sixty Men, and fired smartly upon them, yet he having gotten his Boats, with a Cannoc he had taken, and made a Stage, from whence he was ready to attack them, the *French* asked for Quarter, and surrender'd the Ship, upon Agreement that her Commander and Men should be put on shore, and with this Ship Captain *Purvis* arrived at *Jamaica* with all his Company, except twenty one who refused to assist in the Attempt, believing it to be altogether impossible to succeed therein.

A Council of War held, upon Advice of an intended Attack on Jamaica.

The 1st of *December* 1708, a Council of War was called, where were present, besides Rear-Admiral *Wager*, Captain *Trevor* of the *Kingston*, Captain *Pudner* of the *Severn*, Captain *Hutchins* of the *Portland*, Captain *Vernon* of the *Jersey*, and Captain *Charles Hardy* of the *Roebuck*. It was occasioned upon Intelligence sent the Rear-Admiral from the Admiralty-Office, with an Extract of a Letter from *Paris*, that Monsieur *Du Gue Trovin* was designed on an Expedition against *Jamaica*; and it being judged that if they made such an Attempt it would be to gain the Harbour of *Port Royal*, 'twas determined that all Her Majesty's Ships there, except such as it might be necessary to send to Windward for Intelligence, or on any other extraordinary Occasion, should be drawn up in a Line at the Entrance of the said Harbour, so as that, with the Assistance of the Fort, they might in the best manner defend it, and most annoy the Enemy.

1708.
Another Council of War, some of the Enemy's Ships appearing.

The 18th of *January* another Council of War was called, and since the Letter of Advice before-mentioned was dated almost six Months before, it was consider'd whether the Squadron should be kept any longer together, since the Enemy's Ships had not appear'd, and determined that they ought to be employ'd on necessary Services.

The *Portland* takes a French Ship, and others taken by Captains *Vernon* and *Charles Hardy*.

Accordingly the Rear-Admiral appointing the *Portland* to see some Merchant Ships through the Windward Passage, she returned with a *French Prize*, taken near Cape *St. Nicholas*, worth about six thousand Pounds. Captain *Vernon* also, of the *Jersey*, took in *January* a *Spanish Sloop* loaden with Tobacco, and retook from two *French Sloops* a *Guinea Ship* with four hundred Negroes. Captain *Hardy* of the *Roebuck* brought in a Brigantine, partly loaden with Indigo, taken in at *Petit-Guavas*, which he met on the North side of *Hispaniola*, as she was going from thence to *Port de Paix*, or *Port Francois*, her Master pretending he belong'd to *Curaçoa*, and produced a Paper from the *Dutch Governor* there, empowering him to trade any where in the *West-Indies*: Nor was it long before this, when a Ship of War of ours called the *Adventure*, of 42 Guns, commanded by Captain *Robert Clarke*, was taken by the Enemy, about fourteen Leagues from *Mouferat*, after her Commander and Lieutenant were killed, and near a hundred of her Men slain and wounded.

An English Ship called the *Adventure* taken.

About the latter end of *May*, Mr. *Wager*, upon the earnest Application of the Merchants, sent the *Severn* and *Scarborough* to

England

England with the Trade, for as they were but very weakly mann'd, so had he Orders from the Lord High-Admiral, that when any of the Ships under his Command were so far reduced by Sickness, as that they should have no more Men than what might be sufficient to sail them, to send them home; for an Act of Parliament was passed, forbidding the Captains of our Ships of War employ'd in the *West-Indies*, to impress any Men from Privateers, or Merchant Ships, as they had formerly done, when in want, to render them in a better Condition for Service.

A Convoy sent with the Trade to England.

The Rear-Admiral ordered to send Ships home, when but weakly manned.

During Rear-Admiral *Wager's* Stay at *Jamaica* little or nothing else of Moment happen'd; and he receiving Orders from the Lord High-Admiral to return to *England*, arrived at *St. Helen's* the 20th of *November*, leaving the Command of the Ships which remained at the Island with Captain *Fudor Trevor*.

Rear-Admiral Wager arrives in England, and Capt. Trevor left abroad. Captain Span sent with some Ships to Jamaica.
1702.

When Orders were sent for Mr. *Wager* to return to *Great Britain*, Captain *Jonathan Span* was appointed to command a small Squadron in the *West-Indies*, who sailed with the *Rupert*, and two Ships of the Fourth Rate, the 30th of *January*, and when he had seen the Trade to *Barbadoes* and the *Leeward Islands*, proceeded from thence to *Jamaica*; but during his commanding in Chief in those Parts, not any thing more remarkable happen'd than the taking a *French Ship* and a Sloop off of *Cape Mayz*, on the Island of *Cuba*, and forcing on shore between two Rocks on the South side of *Tuberon Bay*, at the West End of *Hispaniola*, another Ship of 30 Guns, and one of 14, to the biggest of which he sent his Lieutenants with the Boats armed, after he had by his Fire forced the Officers and Men to quit her and go on shore, but she blew up before they got on board, yet were her Guns, with part of the Furniture, brought away, but the smaller Ship being sunk, not any thing could be saved which belonged to her.

Some Prizes taken.

Captain *Span* was succeeded in the Command of Her Majesty's Ships in the *West-Indies* by *James Littleton*, Esq; *, who with the *Jersey*, *Weymouth*, and *Medway Prize*, sailed from *St. Helen's* the 24th of *August*, and in his way to *Plimouth* the *Medway Prize* took a small Privateer of 4 Guns and thirty three Men. Calling at *Plimouth* for the Trade, he proceeded on his Voyage, and came to *Maderas* the 12th of *September*, where having taken in Wine for the Use of the Ships Companies, he arrived at *Barbadoes* the 18th of *October*, and at *Jamaica* the 2d of the next Month, leaving the *Jersey* and *Medway Prize* to cruise off of *Hispaniola*.

Captain Littleton sent to command in the West-Indies.
1710.

He arrives at Jamaica.

Those two Ships joined him at *Port Royal*, after they had forced one of *St. Malo* on shore a little to the Eastward of *Port Louis*, which they set fire to when they had taken out of her what they could, she being loaden chiefly with Bale-Goods. Mr. *Littleton* being informed that there were six Ships of War at *Cartagena*, he sent the *Nonsuch* and *Roebuck* over to that Coast, that so he might know the Certainty of it, and if Captain *Hardy*, who commanded the said Ship *Nonsuch* found it was so, he was forthwith to send the

A French Ship forced on shore.

The Nonsuch and Roebuck sent to Cartagena.

* Since a Flag-Officer, and Commissioner of the Navy.

Roebuck with Notice of it to *Jamaica*, and himself to join the *Windſor*, then on the aforeſaid Coaſt with ſome trading Ships, and both of them to return to the Commadore as ſoon as it was poſſible, who intended, when he ſhould be ſo joined, to ſail with the *Rupert*, *Windſor*, *Nonſuch*, *Jerſey*, *Weymouth*, *Roebuck*, and *Medway Prize*, and to uſe his beſt Endeavours to intercept the Enemy; but if the Report happened not to be true, the Captain of the *Nonſuch* was to leave the *Windſor* with the Merchant Ships on the Coaſt, and return to *Jamaica*.

The 8th of *December* he ſent home the *Falkland* with the Trade, and Captain *Hardy* having been on the *Spaniſh* Coaſt, ſent an Account by the *Roebuck* that he had made the Land, and came to an Anchor at the *Great Barn*, where he found a *Jamaica* Trader, who had ſailed from that Iſland five or ſix Days before him, the Maſter of which Veſſel aſſured him, that, beſides the Galleons, there was only one *Guinea* Ship, and a Packet-Boat of *Carthagena*, which Intelligence he had from the *Spaniards*, and from the Commander of a *Paraguay* Privateer from *Jamaica*, who had been ſeveral Months in thoſe Parts.

* Captain Hardy ſends an Account of what he had diſcovered.

The Falmouth arrives from England.

The *Falmouth* arrived at *Jamaica* in *January* from *England*, with the Tender to the *Star Bomb*, but the Bomb-Veſſel her ſelf was miſſing, having been ſeen by a Trader from *New England* without her Maſts, and ſince the Merchant Ships bound home would be ready to ſail by the 4th of *April*, Mr. *Littleton* intended to ſend the *Rupert*, *Dragon*, *Falmouth*, and *Roebuck* as their Convoy, purſuant to the Inſtructions he had received from the Lords of the Admiralty, which Ships had for ſome time before been at *Jamaica* under the Command of Captain *Span*, as I have already acquainted you, and the *Star Bomb*-Veſſel being arrived, he deſigned to ſend her home alſo with the firſt Convoy.

In the Month of *May* he was informed by the Maſters of ſome Veſſels from the *Maderas*, that *Monſieur Du Caſſe* had been ſeen from that Iſland, and that he came very near to them as they were at an Anchor in the Road. A Sloop of *Jamaica* taking alſo another from *Carthagena*, there was found in her a Letter from the Governor of that Place to the Vice-Roy of *Mexico*, by which he gave him an Account that *Monſieur Du Caſſe* was daily expected there with a Squadron of ſeven Ships, whereupon Mr. *Littleton* ſent a Sloop to the Coaſt of *New Spain* to call in the *Nonſuch*, expecting the *Windſor* and *Weymouth* every Moment from the *Havana*, and the *Jerſey* was cruizing to the Windward of *Jamaica*.

Advice of Monſieur Du Caſſe his coming towards Carthagena.

The Jerſey takes a French Ship, and brings an Account of Du Caſſe; as Captain Hardy did.

The ſaid Ship *Jerſey* arriving the 23d of *May*, brought in with her a *French* Merchant Ship which ſailed from *Port Louis* three Days before, in Company of *Monſieur Du Caſſe*, who (as the Maſter of the *French* Veſſel ſaid) was gone for *Carthagena*, with only a Ship of 74 Guns, another of 60, one of 50, one of 24, and one of 20; but the Commadore was aſſured by Captain *Hardy*, who came in from the Coaſt of *New Spain* on the 27th of *May*, that two of his Ships arrived at *Carthagena* ten Days before, and that they waited there for him, one of which was the *Gloceſter* of 50

Guns,

Guns, formerly taken from us, and the other of 44, and that as soon as the Galleons could be got ready, he designed for the *Havana*, and from thence to *Cadiz*.

The aforesaid Ship which Captain *Vernon* of the *Jersey* took belonged to *Brest*, and had 30 Guns, and a hundred and twenty Men. She came from trading on the Coast of *New Spain*, but had put all her Money on shore at *Port Louis*, so that there was found in her only a little *Cocoa*, and some few odd things, she being bound to *Petit-Guavas* to take in her Loading for *France*.

The *Jersey* was sent over again to the Coast of *New Spain*, to observe the Strength of the Enemy at *Carthagena*, and returned the 4th of *July*, her Commander having looked into that Port the 28th of *June*, where he saw twelve Ships and five Sloops, six of them rigged, and six not. Of the Ships which were rigged he judged, according to the Intelligence before received, that one was Monsieur *Du Casse* his own, named the *St. Michael*, of 74 Guns, another the *Hercules*, of 60, together with the *Griffin* of 50, and two Frigates, of about 20 Guns each, with the Vice-Admiral of the Galleons of 60; and of the Ships which were unrigg'd, there were two at the upper End of the Harbour preparing for the Sea, one of which he thought might be the *Minion* of 50 Guns, another of about 40, the rest seeming to be Merchant Ships.

The Jersey sent out, and brings fresh Intelligence.

The 11th of *July* the Trade from *Great Britain* arrived at *Jamaica* with their Convoy, and four Days afterwards Mr. *Littleton* was under Sail with one Third Rate, four Fourths, and a Sloop, towards *Carthagena*, with a Design to intercept Monsieur *Du Casse*, he having received Advice that the *Windsor* and *Weymouth*, which had been a considerable time absent beyond what he had limited for their Cruise, were at *New England* with three Prizes.

Mr. Littleton puts to Sea, with a design to intercept Monsieur Du Casse.

On the 26th of *July* he arrived on the Coast of *New Spain*, and discover'd five Ships to Leeward, between him and the Shore, which he gave chase to, being then not far from *Bocca Chica*. They made the best of their way from him, and got into that Place, which is at the Entrance of *Carthagena* Harbour, whereupon he stood off to Sea the greatest part of the Night, but stretching in to the Shore next Morning, chased four Ships, and about Six at Night came up with the Vice-Admiral of the Galleons, and a *Spanish* Merchant Ship; and as Monsieur *Du Casse* had taken most of the Money out of the Galleon, having some Suspicion of the commanding Officer on board her, so was this very Carrack the same which had escaped from Mr. *Wager*, as hath been before related; and coming from *Carthagena* in Company of some *French* Ships of War, it happened she was separated from them, and believing our Ships to be those with Monsieur *Du Casse*, (as her Commander said) lay by the greatest part of the Day; and when Mr. *Littleton* came near, hoisted *Spanish* Colours, and a Flag at the Fore-top-mast Head, so that between Five and Six at Night, the *Salisbury Prize*, commanded by Captain *Robert Harland*, engaged her, soon after which the *Salisbury*, commanded by Captain *Francis Hosier*, did the same. The Commodore being within Pistol-shot, was just going to fire into her, when

He comes up with the Vice-Admiral of the Galleons, and takes her.

Captain Harland and Captain Hosier take another great Ship,

Y y y they and

the Jersey a Merchant Ship.

they struck their Colours, and the *Jersey* going after one of the Merchant Ships, took her, but the *Nonfuch* chasing the other, she escaped in the Night.—The Vice-Admiral of the Gallions being wounded by a small Shot, died soon after.

Mr. Littleton cruises for Monsieur Du Casse.

The Prisoners, by the Description given to them of the Ships which were seen by the Commadore the Day he came off of *Carthagena*, assured him they were those with Monsieur *Du Casse*, and that he had been out of *Carthagena* but two Days, being separated from the *Spanish* Vice-Admiral, and nine Merchant Ships the Day after he came out; and since Mr. *Littleton* was well assured that he intended to touch at the *Havana*, it was determined to cruise a little to Leeward of *Point Pedro* Shoals, as the most proper Place for intercepting him, until such time as farther Intelligence could be gained from Captain *Hook* of the *Jamaica* Sloop, who was sent over to the Coast with some *Spanish* Prisoners.

Monsieur *Du Casse* (as the Commadore informed me by his Letter, and as I have mentioned before) had taken most of the Money out of the Gallion, except what was found in some Boxes, which belonged to private Persons She had 60 Brass Guns mounted, and three hundred and twenty five Men, and the Ship which the *Jersey* took was a *Spaniard*, belonging to the Merchants, of about 400 Tuns, and 26 Guns, loaden for the most part with Cocoa and Wool.

The Nonfuch brings the Trade and Lieutenant-General Handasyde home.

In the Month of *August* there being some Trade ready to proceed to *Great Britain*, Mr. *Littleton* sent the *Nonfuch* as their Convoy, in which Ship Lieutenant-General *Handasyde*, late Governor of *Jamaica*, took his Passage, and on the 23^d of the said Month, being in his appointed cruising Station, he received an Account from the Captain of the *Medway's Prize*, whom he had sent into *Blewfields Bay*, that the Master of a Vessel had made Oath before the Lord *Archibald Hamilton*, then Governor of *Jamaica*, that there were eighteen Sail of *French* Ships of War, and a considerable Number of Transports with Soldiers, lately arrived at *Martinico*, and that their Design was to invade the said Island of *Jamaica*, upon which, he made the best of his way thither; and acquainting the Governor with the Intelligence he had received, his Lordship assured him there was no Truth in it, and that he believed it to be a Story raised by some of the People of the Island.

A false Account of the Enemy.

Captain *Hooke* of the *Jamaica* Sloop joined him off of the West End of the Island the 25th, and brought an Account that Monsieur *Du Casse* sailed from *Carthagena* three Days after he had left that Coast, but that he took no Merchant Ships with him; so that by the false Intelligence given to the Captain of the *Medway Prize*, Mr. *Littleton* in all Probability missed the Opportunity of meeting with him in his way to the *Havana*.

An Account of Du Casse his sailing from Carthagena.

About the beginning of *October* he had an Account from the Captain of a Privateer Sloop belonging to *Jamaica*, that on the 8th of *September* he saw eight large Ships between that Island and *Cuba*, which he judged to be Monsieur *Du Casse's* Squadron going down that way to the *Havana*; and the *Defiance*, *Salisbury*, and *Jersey*

returning

returning to *Jamaica* the 17th of *October*, the latter brought in a Ship she had taken on the North side of *Cuba*, bound from *Petit-Guavas* to *France*, her Burthen of about 100 Tuns, and her Loading chiefly *Indigo*, and *Sugar*.

A French Ship taken by the Jersey.

The 25th of *November* the *Thetis*, a *French Ship* of War taken by the *Windsor* and *Weymouth*, arrived at *Jamaica*. She came out from *New England* in Company of the *Weymouth*, but was separated from her three Days after in bad Weather, and, as Mr. *Littleton* heard, Sir *Hovenden Walker* had carry'd the *Windsor* home with him, after his Expedition was over towards *Quebeck*, of which I shall shortly give an Account, as also of his relieving Mr. *Littleton* in the Command of Her Majesty's Ships in the *West-Indies*.

The Thetis taken by the Windsor and Weymouth.

This Prize, the *Thetis*, was a very good Ship, being bored to carry 44 Guns, and was not above five Years old, so that the Commadore, in behalf of himself and the Captors, offered to sell her for the Queen's Service, but the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty did not think fit to have her purchased.

The 6th Day of *December* the *Weymouth*, commanded by Captain *Lestock*, arrived with a small Privateer of 6 Guns, and forty Men belonging to *Porto Rico*; and with the Trade bound to *Great Britain* the Commadore sent the *Anglesey* and *Fowey*, as also the *Scarborough*, the latter of which Ships was taken by the two former from the Enemy on the Coast of *Guinea*, where they had some time before taken her from us.

The Weymouth rate: a Privateer.

A Convoy sent to England.

In *January* the *Defiance*, *Salisbury*, *Jersey*, and *Weymouth*, were cruising to Windward of *Hispaniola*, in different Stations, the *Salisbury Prize* being daily expected in from the Coast of *New Spain*; and the *Medway Prize* having been sent to cruise off of *Petit-Guavas*, she returned with a *French Sloop* bound to *Havana*, loaden with *Madera Wine*, *Flower*, and *Cocoa*. The *Salisbury* also came in the 20th of *February* with a *French Merchant Ship* of 150 Tuns, loaden with *Sugar* from *Cape Francois*, on the North side of *Hispaniola*, and in few Days after she was sent to cruise in her former Station. The *Jersey* arrived also the same Day, whose Commander, Captain *Vernon*, being off of *Porto Rico*, saw a Sail at an Anchor very near the Shore, and steering directly towards her, found her to be a *French Ship* of about 20 Guns. He came to an Anchor by her, and having fired several Shot, she breaking loose, ran on shore, when the fresh Sea Breeze occasioning a great Swell, she immediately fell in pieces.

1717.

Other Prizes taken.

A French Ship ran on shore.

About the middle of *May* the Commadore designed to send the *Jersey* hence with the Trade, and the *Star Bomb*, she not being in a Condition to continue longer abroad, but she left not the Island until the 18th of *May*. The *Defiance*, *Salisbury*, and *Salisbury Prize*, which had for some time been cruising, returned into Port without any Purchase; and about this time the *Weymouth* and *Tryal Sloop* were, at the Request of the Merchants, appointed to convoy the Vessels bound to the Bay of *Campeche* for *Log Wood*, which is a very beneficial Trade to the Island, but was entirely interrupted by the Enemy the Year before; and here we will leave Mr. *Littleton*

Commodore Littleton sent home in the *Defiance*, and Sir Hovenden Walker arrives at Jamaica.

Littleton coming home in the *Defiance*, by Order of Sir Hovenden Walker, who arrived at *Jamaica* the beginning of *July 1712*, and of whose Proceedings, first on the Expedition to *Quebeck*, and in the *West-Indies* afterwards, I shall give some Account, when I have related what happened at home, and in the *Mediterranean*, before the said Expedition to *Quebeck* was so unadvisedly projected, and undertaken; and this will oblige me to look some Years backward, having (as hath been already observed) chosen to give these Accounts entire, to render the whole much less perplexed than otherwise they would have been.

C H A P. XXI.

Containing an Account of Sir Thomas Hardy's Proceedings in and about the Chanel, till order'd to the Mediterranean; as also of some of our Ships being taken in their Passage from the Downs Westward, and others in the Soundings.

1706.

SIR Thomas Hardy being appointed to command a Squadron in the *Soundings*, which was designed not only to protect our Trade, but to annoy that of the Enemy, and intercept their cruising Frigates and Privateers, he got under Sail from *Plimouth* the 17th of *October*, and the 27th took a *French Ship*, with a Letter of Marque, of 20 Guns, after she had made some Resistance with great and small Shot. This Ship belonged to *Bourdeaux*, was loaden with Sugar, Cocoa, and Indigo, and had taken two *English Vessels* before, one of them bound to *Guinea*, the other in her Passage from *Oporto* into the *British Chanel*.

Ranging up and down the *Soundings*, he on the 21st of the next Month met with an *English Ship of War* named the *Dover*, commanded by Captain *Thomas Matthews*, about thirteen Leagues West from *Scilly*, who in his Passage from *New England* had lost Company with all his Convoys, about six hundred Leagues from the Land's End. Whether this was occasion'd by the Carelessness of the Masters of the Merchant Ships, (which but too often hath happened) I shall not determine, or whether from bad Weather at such a Season of the Year; but this I may venture to say, that let the Commander of a Convoy be never so careful, it is almost next to an Impossibility to keep the Trade together, especially in the Winter time, and when he has so great a Run as from *New England* to *Great Britain*.

Sir Thomas Hardy goes to Cork to convey home some East-India Ships.

Some straggling Ships of ours Sir Thomas Hardy met with, during his continuing in the *Soundings*, and coming to *Plimouth* to refit and victual his Squadron, there he received Orders to proceed

to *Cork* to conduct from thence some homeward bound *East India* Ships. He lay Wind bound at *Plimouth* until the 24th of *December*, but then failing, came off of *Kinsale* the 27th, from whence he order'd Captain *Cock*, who commanded the Convoy to the *East-India* Men, to join him in *Cork* Harbour.

There he waited for a Wind until the 5th of *February*, when he put to Sea, but met with such bad Weather, as oblig'd him to repair to *Milford Haven*, where he was detained until the 22^d, when he failed with five Fourth Rates, one Fifth, and one of the Sixth, having in Company fifty three Merchant Ships, (those from *India* included) and steering for *Cape Cornwall*, design'd to put through between the Islands of *Scilly* and the Main. Next Morning he made the Land, but it blowing hard at E. N. E. he durst not attempt to put through, as he intended, but bore away for *Cork* again, from whence failing as soon as possibly the Winds would permit, he arriv'd in the *Downs* the 4th of *March*. Returning to *Plimouth*, he retook a Merchant Ship of *Topsham*, but as she was going into Port, she had the Misfortune of falling into the Enemy's Hands again, and while he continu'd in *Hamoze*, two *French* Privateers from *Dunkirk* came into *Plimouth* Sound, and carried away an *English* Runner, although four *Dutch* Capers were at Anchor in Sight, which might, had they so pleas'd, have preserv'd her.

Forced to Milford Haven.

and

to Cork again.

Comes to the Downs, and returns to Plimouth.

An English Ship taken in Plimouth Sound.

1707.

Being order'd with his Squadron to *Spithead*, he received Directions there, about the middle of *June*, to proceed towards *Lisbon*, for protect'g the Transports, Storeships, and Victuallers bound from hence to the Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, as also the Trade design'd to *Virginia*, *New England*, and other foreign Parts, as far as his and their way should lie together.

The 8th of *July* he put to Sea, having under his Care two hundred and five Merchant Ships, but contrary Winds oblig'd him to return to *St. Helen's*. The 3^d of the next Month he reach'd the length of the *Start*, but was forced back to *Torbay*, from whence he was not able to accompany the Ships bound to *Lisbon* as far on their way as he was directed until the last of *August*, such Difficulties are there often met with in getting out of our Chanel.

Sir Thomas Hardy proceeds with the Trade into the Sea.

Being in the Latitude of 49^d and 36^m, *Scilly* bearing North, 63^d East, distant about twenty six Leagues, and finding a Ship with our Naval Stores, which had been taken by the Enemy, and re-taken by a *Dutch* Privateer, he thought it advis'able to see her safe to *Plimouth* with his whole Squadron, the Stores on board her being of great Consequence, until another Opportunity could be met with for her proceeding to the Port whereto she was design'd, since it was not certain whether Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine* was at Sea, or gone into *Brest*.

He brings a vessel on board with Naval Stores to Plimouth.

I may not omit acquainting you, that before Sir *Thomas Hardy* parted with the Ships bound to *Lisbon*, he, in the Latitude of 46^d and 54^m North, the *Lizard* bearing N. E. distant about ninety three Leagues, discover'd, as it was believ'd, Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine's* Squadron, which, as he had before understood, were two Ships

See Ships, which he had with him, Monsieur Du Gue Trovine of

of 70 Guns, two of 60, one of 50, and one of 40. They brought to the Westward, bearing N. E. of him, and being then at a great distance, wore round some time after, and stood upon the other Tack Eastward, under their Topfails and Courses, with a small Gale at N. W. Upon this a Council of War was called, and considering that the Prince's Orders to Sir *Thomas Hardy* were thus; That if in his Passage into the *Soundings* he should get sight of the aforesaid *French* Squadron, Captain *Kirktown* of the *Defiance* should, with the Ships of War under his Command, and the Transports, Storeships, and Victuallers, make the best of their way to *Lisbon*, and he give Chase to the Enemy, but that if he could not come up with them, he should return to a proper Station in the *Soundings*, and there cruise for the Security of our Trade; and he finding that the Enemy's Squadron were Hull to, almost in the Wind's Eye; that it being near Night, our Ships would soon lose Sight of them, so that it was to no purpose to continue the Chase; and considering that the Ships with Captain *Kirktown* were not of sufficient Strength to deal with them, it was determined to keep Company with him until he should be about one hundred and twenty Leagues from the Land's End, lest the Enemy should, by getting by our Squadron in the Night, take or destroy many of the Merchant Ships; and a sufficient Strength was kept in the Rear of the Fleet to prevent Accidents.

Proceeds farther into the Sea, for Security of the Trade, &c.

Parting with the Ships bound to *Lisbon*, he cruised in the Latitudes of 49ⁿ, and 46ⁿ and 30^m, for protecting our Trade coming from the aforesaid Port of *Lisbon*, under the Convoy of three Third Rates, and the 26th of *September* he came into *Plimouth* to refit and victual, where being detained by contrary Winds until the 2d of *January*, he then received Orders to accompany Sir *John Leake* to the *Mediterranean*.

Receives Orders to go to the Straights. 1707.

Here let me inform you of an unlucky Accident which befel two of our Ships of War in their Passage from the *Downs* Westward, which was as follows, *viz.* the *Royal Oak*, *Hampton-Court*, and *Grafton*, (the first of 76, the other two mounting 70 Guns each) sailing thence on the 1st Day of *May*, with several Merchant Ships and Vessels under their Convoy, all of them under the Command of Captain *Baron Wylde* of the *Royal Oak*, were attack'd about six Leagues to the Westward of *Beachy*, by nine Ships of War fitted out from *Dunkirk*, of between 50 and 56 Guns each, with which there were also several Privateers, and some of them of Force, being in all about twenty Sail. After a very sharp Engagement, wherein divers Officers and Men were killed on both sides, and the Ships very much shattered in their Hulls, Masts, and Rigging, the *Grafton*, commanded by Captain *Edward Afton*, and the *Hampton-Court* by Captain *George Clements*, (the former of whom was slain in Fight, and the latter soon after died of his Wounds) were constrained to yield, which (together with great part of the Trade) the *French* carried into *Dunkirk*. Captain *Wylde* finding those Ships in the Enemy's Possession, and having before engaged with two of theirs, made the best shift he could to save the *Royal Oak*, by running her

The *Grafton* and *Hampton-Court* taken by a *French* Squadron, and the *Royal Oak* forced on shore.

on shore to the Eastward of *Dungeness*, having at that time, as he gave an Account, eleven Feet Water in the Hold, occasioned by several Shot she had received under Water, which he stopp'd in one Tyde, and getting her on float again, brought her to the *Downs* three Days after the Action.

Thus were two of our Ships of the Third Rate lost, and another in great danger of being so. The Enemy were indeed much superior in Number, and, according to the Magnitude of their Ships, much better manned; but since ours were more lofty, it may not be unreasonable to conjecture, that had they been drawn into a close Line, and, instead of lying by to receive the Enemy, kept constantly under Sail, and fought in that manner, the *French* would have met with very great difficulty (had they thus mutually assisted each other) in boarding them; whereas by their lying almost motionless, at too great a distance one from the other, they had better Opportunities of attacking them, being single, with Numbers of their Ships, and not only of raking them fore and aft with their Ordnance and small Shot, but of gauling them on their Broadfides also.

Observation upon the foregoing Action.

Nor let us here pass by an Accident that happened to some other of our Ships of War this Year, which were bound out of the Channel. It was thus. On the 24th of *September* Orders were sent to Captain *Richard Edwards* * of the *Cumberland*, mounted with 80 Guns, to take under his Command the *Devonshire*, of like Force, the aforesaid Ship *Royal Oak* of 76, and the *Chester* and *Ruby* of 50 Guns each, with which he was to proceed for the Security of such Merchant Ships as had Hories on board for the King of *Portugal*, forty or fifty Leagues beyond *Scilly*, and then to leave them to go forward to *Lisbon* with the *Ruby* and *Chester*, their proper Convoy.

Sailing pursuant to those Orders, he had not long parted with the Land e'er he unluckily fell in with twelve Ships of the Enemy's, being the Squadron commanded by Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine*, joined by that of Monsieur *Fourbin's*, both employed on private Accounts, although all, or most of them, were Ships of the *French* King's Navy, one of 72 Guns, others upwards of 60, some of 50, and none of them of less than 40. With these Ships they engaged a considerable time, while those under their Convoy secured themselves to Leeward; but being much overpowered, the *Cumberland*, (whose Commander was sorely wounded) as also the *Chester* and *Ruby*, (after having received from, and done very considerable Damage to the Enemy) fell at length into their Hands; the *Devonshire* blew up, as she maintained a running Fight against several Ships which pursued her, and the *Royal Oak*, steering another Course, a second time escaped. These Ships of ours were of very great Force, and had they kept together under Sail, (as I have observed in the Case before-mentioned) must have made a very formidable Battery, whereas (either by Accident, or otherwise prevented, it is likely, in

Monsieur Du Gue, and Monsieur Fourbin's Squadrons take the Cumberland, Chester, and Ruby.

The Devonshire blows up, and Royal Oak escapes.

* Afterwards a Commissioner of the Navy.

doing it) the *French Ships*, being many more in Number, had Opportunities of attacking each of them singly with two, three, or more at a time, and so got the Advantage.

I now return to Sir *Thomas Hardy*, who coming to *London* to equip himself for his Voyage to the *Mediterranean*, took his Journey by Land to *Plimouth*, where he had Expectations of meeting the Fleet, but heard at *Exeter* that Sir *John Leake* was sailed the Day before. Arriving at *Plimouth*, he met with the *Burford*, a Ship of the Third Rate, and in her proceeded to *Lisbon*, where he came before the Fleet reached that Port; and here we will leave him going with the Admiral up the *Mediterranean*, until he returned in the Year 1711 to *England*, and give some Account of the Proceedings of the Lord *Dursley* in the *Chanel*, and *Soundings*, who was at this time Vice-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of the Fleet.

C H A P. XXII.

Containing an Account of the Lord Dursley's Proceedings with a Squadron in the Soundings, and of several French Ships taken during his Lordship's commanding there.

1708.

THE Lord *Dursley* the beginning of *June* had been off of *Ushant* to inform himself of the Enemy's Naval Preparations at *Brest*, and determined when he had seen the outward bound Trades well into the Sea, to cruise in a proper Station in the *Soundings*, and from thence to send three Ships to *Ireland* to convoy to *England* the homeward bound *East-India* Ships.

This done, and his Lordship being off of *Kinsale* the 17th of *June*, under Orders to intercept a *French* Squadron which had been discovered off of *Galkway*, he determined to proceed within twenty Leagues of the Port of *Brest*, and to lie in a fair way between that Station and *Cape Clear*, in hopes of meeting with them, but after cruising thus some time, to proceed off of *Kinsale* for Intelligence whether they were yet on the *Irish* Coast. Not seeing the Enemy in his Station, he accordingly stretched off of *Kinsale*, and there meeting the three Ships he had appointed to protect the *East-India* Men, he ordered Captain *Owen* to proceed with them to *Plimouth*, and his Lordship himself joining the Trade from *New England*, accompanied them off of *Scilly*, landing them from thence into the said Port of *Plimouth* with two Ships of War, besides their proper Convoy, which he ordered to return and join him ten Leagues S. W. from the *Lizard*.

The 26th of *June* his Lordship chased three Ships which he discovered near the Land's End, one of them of about 40 Guns, or between 40 and 50, the other two of about 30 Guns each, but they shewing *French* Colours, stood away South East for their own Coast, our Ships, which were most of them foul, not being able to come up with them; a Misfortune that often happened both before, and after; for the Enemy coming out of their Ports clean, to prey chiefly on our Trade, were, generally speaking, in a Condition either to take or leave, as they themselves pleased; whereas our Ships were frequently foul, and consequently could not have the like Advantage. Nor was this Inconvenience to be avoided so often as otherwise it might have been, had there been less occasion in a time of so great Action, to vary the Stations of our Ships, by appointing them sometimes to this, and then taking them off for other necessary Services, which could not possibly be foreseen when they were first pitched upon to cruise in the *Soundings*, or elsewhere against the Enemy; for since there was a Necessity to employ so great a part of our Naval Strength abroad, as well in the *Mediterranean*, as to guard our foreign Plantations and Trade, and to station others along the Coast of this Kingdom, as well as *Ireland*, it would seldom admit of such a Number in the *Soundings*, so as that while some were cruising, others could be from time to time cleaning to relieve them; and since there, and in the Chops of the Chanel, the *French* attempted to do us the most Prejudice, and had the fairest Opportunities for it, it were to have been wished that more nimble, and consequently the most proper Ships, could have been oftener spared for Service in those Parts.

His Lordship chases some French Ships.

Reasons why our Ship were not constantly cleaner.

The Lord *Dursley*, (who but too often experienced this Misfortune) proceeded from *Plimouth*, and crowded all the Sail the Ships could bear to get timely into his Station, which was between the Latitudes of 48 and 50^l, and West from *Scilly* between forty and fifty Leagues, where he cruised as long as his Beer and Water would permit. The *Salisbury*, one of the Ships under his Lordship's Command, took a *French* Merchant Ship bound to *Placcucia*, whose Master assured him, that Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine* sailed with a Squadron from *Brest* two Months before, and that he was gone a foreign Voyage, having taken on board ten Months Provisions; but whither he was bound, this Master either could not, or would not tell.

His Lordship returns to his appointed Station.

The Salisbury takes a French Merchant Ship.

The Squadron returning, and being victualled and refitted at *Plimouth*, his Lordship sailed the 28th of *September* with five Ships of War, and was joined next Day by the *Hampshire*, which had taken a final Privateer. Another was taken by my Lord himself of 24 Guns, set forth from *St Malo*, and the *August* retook a *Dutch* Merchant Ship, all which were sent to *Plimouth*.

Lord Dursley takes a Privateer, and the Hampshire another.

The 7th of *November* his Lordship returned to the said Port of *Plimouth*, and the *Hampshire* brought in a Privateer of 16 Guns, with a *French* Merchant Ship bound to the *West-Indies*. The *Salisbury* also brought in two Prizes, the Captain of one of which gave an Account that Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine* was at *Corunna*

The Hampshire and Salisbury take Prizes.

with eleven Ships of War, which Intelligence he had from a *Dutch Privateer* that had taken a *Storeship* out of his Squadron.

The *Plymouth* brings in two Prizes.

His Lordship appointed three *Frigates* to cruise between the *Lizard* and *Ushant* till the 22d of this Month of *November*, and on the 11th the *Plymouth* brought in two Prizes, one from *Martinico*, and the other a *Banker*, which Ship had also met with two *Privateers* between the *Deadman* and the *Lizard*, and engaged them for some time, but it being almost calm, they got away, one of them mounting 34, and the other 26 Guns.

The *Prince* dies, and the *Queen* for some time keeps the *Admiralty* in her own Hands, and

Lord *Durlesley* sent into, but forced back from the Soundings.

The *Prince* being dead, and the *Queen* taking into her own Hands for a little while the Affairs of the *Admiralty*, wherein I had the Honour to serve Her Majesty, she was pleased to send Orders by *Expres*s, to the Lord *Durlesley* at *Plymouth*, which he received the 12th of *November*, to proceed into the *Soundings*, and to use his utmost Endeavours to protect the Trade coming from the *Plantations*, and other remote Parts; and although his Lordship was apprehensive that *Monsieur Du Gue Trovine's* Squadron was come to *Brest*, and that if he should be joined there by Ships from *Dunkirk*, his Force would be much superior to what he had a Prospect of having under his Command; yet on the 30th Day of *November* he put out from the Port of *Plymouth*, but was forced back by contrary Winds, as he was soon after to *Torbay*, whence his Lordship attempted to sail the beginning of *December*, mean while the *Salisbury* took a *French Privateer* of 20 Guns; and the Earl of *Pembroke* being now a second time appointed Lord High-Admiral, the Lord *Durlesley* desired his Squadron might be cleaned, in order to his being more capable of doing Service against the Enemy.

The Earl of *Pembroke* appointed a second time Lord High-Admiral.

Lord *Durlesley* chases two *French Ships* of Force, but they escaped.

The 29th of *December* his Lordship saw two Ships, which chased him, but, when they came near, bore away. He followed them until he was within Gun-shot, when their Commanders lighten'd them by heaving many things over-board, and so escaped, one of them being of 60 Guns, and the other 50, and had our Ships been clean, they might in all Probability have given a good Account of them; but all that his Lordship was able to do during this short Cruise, was the taking a *French Newfoundland Banker*.

His Lordship appointed Vice-Admiral of the *White*.
1715.

Prizes taken.

Returning to *Plymouth*, he received a Commission from the Lord High-Admiral, by which he was appointed Vice-Admiral of the *White*, and the 18th of *January* had Orders to cause all the Ships of his Squadron to be cleaned. His Lordship sailed the 14th of *February* with one Third Rate, and three Fourths, and off of the *Start* the *Medway* took a *French Privateer* of 12 Guns. On the 17th he was joined by two other Ships of the Fourth Rate, and one of the Fifth, and the *Dartmouth* taking another *Privateer* of 12 Guns, she was ordered with her to *Plymouth*, where if the Leak she complained of could be stopp'd, she was to proceed to the *Downs* with the Trade.

Lord *Durley* falls in with eleven *French* Ships in a Fog.

The 22d of *February* his Lordship fell in with eleven Sail, about twelve Leagues from *Scilly*, having then with him no more than the *Kent*, *Plymouth*, *Monk*, and *Litchfield*. This happened about Three in the Morning, and their Lights being discovered, he called the

the Signal to be made for Wearing, which was done, but not without hazard of falling among the Enemy, and the *Plimouth* and *Litchfield*, not seeing the Signal, stood on. It was such thick Weather that it could not be discerned what they were; however his Lordship designed, by clapping on a Wind, to get to Windward of them, that so, if possible, he might join the Ships and Trade coming from *Lisbon*, and thereby make himself strong enough to engage them, but missing of them in the Night, and stretching in for *Plimouth*, Captain *Stuart* of the *Dartmouth*, who not long before had been sent in thither with his Prize, (as hath been already mentioned) acquainted his Lordship that he had been chased by nine large Ships off of the *Lizard*, which he judged to be the very same he met with, and that had fallen in with, and engaged Captain *Tollet* in his Passage from *Ireland*, which Action being somewhat remarkable; I shall, in this Place, give the following Account of it.

On the 25th of *April*, in the Afternoon, the said Captain *Tollet* set sail from *Cork* with his own Ship, the *Assurance*, of 70 Guns, the *Sunderland* of 60, and the *Hampshire* and *Anglesey* of 50 Guns each, being join'd by the *Assistance*, another Ship of the like force, and the Trade from *Kinsale*. In his Passage the *Anglesey* and *Sunderland* lost Company, and on the 6th in the Morning, about Five a Clock, he saw four Sail standing after him, as he was steering away E. by N, the *Lizard* bearing N. N. E. near eight Leagues distance. About Seven they came within random Shot, and then brought to, whereupon he made the Signal for drawing into a Line of Battel, and another for the Merchant Ships to bear away for their Security, which (according to usual Custom) they took no notice of, but straggled some one way, and some another. About Eight the Enemy bore down, having drawn themselves into a Line, and when they were come within Musket-shot, they hoisted *French* Colours. The Commander in Chief, who was in a Ship of 70 Guns, or upwards, came ranging along the Larboard side of the *Assurance*, commanded by Captain *Tollet*, and fell on board of him, so that they engaged Yard-Arm and Yard-Arm for almost half an Hour, during which time the *French* Ship plying him with small Shot, cut off most of the marine Soldiers, and the Seamen quartered upon the Deck, after which she fell off, and came on board again on the Lee side, first ranging on his Bow; and then on his Quarter, whereupon he fired into her his upper Deck, and lower Deck Guns, insomuch that he obliged her to quit him, and then she stood away a-head after the Merchant Ships. The other three, of 40 and 50 Guns each, came ranging along his side, firing many Shot into him, and after that bore away as the other Ship had done. The Damage the *Assurance* received was very great, her sides being in many Places shot through and through; her Shrouds and Backstays, as also her main and false Stay cut in pieces; her Fore-sail and Fore-top-sail very much torn, the best Bower Anchor carried away with a Shot, one of the Flukes of the spare Anchor likewise Shot away, and the small Bower, by the *French* Ship's boarding her, forced through her Bowes.

A smart Dispute between some of our Ships with Captain Tollet, and the French.

When her Commander had made good these Damages as well as time would permit, all the Ships of War bore down to secure those of the Merchants, and expected a second Engagement, but the Enemy declining it, stood away to cut off some of the Convoys, which might, had they regarded his Signal, have gotten safe in with the Shore. Some of them he brought into *Plimouth*, and while he was engaged he saw others bear away for *Falmouth*, so that it could not then be known how many had fallen into the Enemy's Hands.

The Dispute lasted about two Hours, in the beginning of which Captain *Tollet* was wounded upon the Deck, where (having been ill before) he was carried in a Chair. The first Lieutenant was shot in the Leg, which he got dressed, and then returned to his Charge. The second Lieutenant was killed, as were several of those *French* Officers which were brought from *Ireland*, but more of them wounded; and in the whole the *Affurance* had twenty five killed, and fifty three maimed, some of whom died; for the Enemy making their chief Attempt on her, she was severely handled, the *Hampshire* having no more than two Men killed, and eleven wounded, and the *Assistance* but twenty one wounded, and eight slain.

1709.

The Salisbury
takes a French
West-India
Ship.

Let us now return to the Lord *Dursey*, who the 20th of *March* ordered three Ships off of *Brest* for Intelligence, one of which was to bring him the same to *Plimouth*, and the other two to cruise off of *Scilly* till his Lordship joined them; mean while the *Salisbury* took a *French West-India* Ship, which proving very leaky, most of the valuable Goods were taken out of her, lest she should founder before she got into Port.

The 29th of *March* his Lordship received Orders to conduct the Ships bound to *Lisbon* well into the Sea, and much about this time he had an Account that Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine* had been seen the 25th of the same Month with seven Ships, in the Latitude of 49^d, Westing from *Scilly* about thirty five Leagues; which being confirmed by the Master of a Ship of 20 Guns, taken and brought in by the *Romney*, his Lordship purposed to leave the Transports and Trade bound to *Lisbon* to the Care of some Ships of the States-General suddenly expected from *Portsmouth*, and to have proceeded to Sea immediately in search of the Enemy, but they not timely arriving, he took under his Protection the aforesaid Transports and Trade, and had no sooner parted with them in Safety, than he discovered two *French* Ships of War, which had that very Morning taken one of ours called the *Bristol*, of 50 Guns, the Captain of her being in Search of our Squadron from *Plimouth*. To these Ships his Lordship gave Chase, and retaking the *Bristol*, (ready to founder by reason of a Shot in her Bread-room) he ordered the two Sternmost Ships to lie by her.

Lord Dursey
retakes our
Ship the Bristol.

and
chases some of
the French
Ships.

His Lordship followed the Enemy from Six in the Morning until Nine at Night, but finding the biggest Ship outtailed him, which he afterwards understood was the *Achilles*, commanded by Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine*, he made the Signal for the headmost Ships to leave off chasing her. On the other, called the *Gloire*, of 44 Guns, they gained, and the *Chester*, commanded by Captain *Thomas*

Matthews,

Matthews, coming up within Gun-shot, continued so near as to keep Sight of her all Night, and by false Fires shewed our other Ships what Course he steer'd, so that she surrender'd, after engaging some time.

The Gloire taken.

The 26th of *April* two small Ships were taken, as was on the 7th of *May* a Privateer carrying 14 Guns and one hundred Men; but the Provisions in the Squadron growing very short, his Lordship was obliged to return to *Plimouth* the 13th, with one Third, and seven Fourth Rates, and there he had an Account that the *Sweepstakes*, a Ship of 32 Guns, had been taken, in her Passage Westward, by two of the Enemy's Privateers, each of which had more Men than were on board the said Frigate.

1700.
Some other Prizes.

Our Sweepstakes taken.

The Lord *Dursley* coming from *Plimouth* to *London*, went down to the *Nore* the 15th of *July*, and on the 21st sailed from thence with a Squadron off of *Schowwen* in *Zeland*, in order to intercept some Ships with Corn, coming from the North, for Supply of the Enemy's Army in *Flanders*, but not having the good Fortune of meeting with any of them, he proceeded to *Ouzly Bay*.

Lord Dursley comes to Town, and afterwards commands a Squadron off of Zeland.

The 5th of *October* his Lordship repaired to *Spithead*, and sailing from thence, came to *Plimouth* three Days after, with one Third Rate, and two Fourths, from whence he dispatched three Ships of 50 Guns to cruise in *Bristol* Chanel, and Captain *Vincent* with six others to cruise in the Latitude of 48^d and 30^m, and 50^d, Westing from *Scilly* from twenty to thirty Leagues, for the Security of a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships expected from the *West Indies*, and some time after he himself failed to join them.

His Lordship returns to command the Western Squadron.

When his Lordship was off of *Scilly* the 31st of *October*, he took a *French* Ship from *Guadalupe*, and a small Privateer, and meeting the Fleet from *Barbadoes* the 2d of *December*, he appointed some Ships to strengthen that Convoy, and sent two Frigates off of *Brest* for Intelligence.

Two Prizes taken.

The latter end of *November* Captain *Hughes* of the *Winchester* chased a Ship, which proved to be a *Dutch* Privateer, whose Commander being required to strike, he, instead of paying that due Respect to the Flag of *England*, fired both great and small Shot into him, but being answered in the same manner, after an obstinate Dispute, (though it was known the *Winchester* was an *English* Ship of War) the Commanding Officer was killed, and between thirty and forty of the *Dutch* Seamen.

The Winchester and a Dutch Privateer have a Scuffle.

On the 9th of *December* the Lord *Dursley* (who was then Vice-Admiral of the Red) order'd Captain *Hartnol* of the *Restauration* to cruise with that Ship, and four more, between the Latitudes of 49 and 50^d, Welling from fifteen to twenty Leagues from *Scilly*, to protect several *East-India* Ships and their Convoys from *Ireland*, and the 2d of *January* was going from *Plimouth* with seven clean Frigates to relieve them; but being ordered to accompany Sir *John Norris* in his way to *Lisbon*, his Lordship lay some time after that in the appointed Station, e'er he was forced from thence by contrary Winds, and during his being on this Service, he took a Privateer

Lord Dursley made Vice-Admiral of the Red.

took

Prizes taken. teer of 20 Guns, and retook the *St. Peter of Dublin*, which had been seized by the Enemy off of *Cape Clear*.

The *East-India Trade* being not yet arrived from *Ireland*, his Lordship appointed three of the Ships under his Command to see them in Safety from thence, and the 21st of *February* the *Kent* brought into *Plimouth* a small Privateer, and a *French Merchant Ship*, as the *Restauration* and *August* did the next Day four more, which were bound from *Nantz* to *Martinico*; and not many Days after his Lordship appointed the *Restauration* and *August* to see two *East-India Ships* well into the Sea, but by contrary Winds they were forced back again.

Other Prizes taken.

1710.

Other Prizes taken, and Lord Dursley comes to Town.

The 10th of *March* the *Mountague* took a Privateer of 10 Guns, and his Lordship having seen the *East-India Ships*, and those bound to the *Isle of May*, a hundred and fifty Leagues from *Scilly*, returned to *Plimouth* the 9th of *May*; seven Days after which the *Lyon*, *Colchester*, and *Litchfield* brought in four Prizes, two of them Privateers, the others Merchant Ships, when his Lordship leaving the Squadron, he came to Town by Consent of the Lord High-Admiral.

CHAP. XXIII.

Containing an Account of Sir John Norris his Proceedings towards the intercepting some French Ships of War, and Merchant Ships with Corn from the Baltick.

UPON Advice that the Enemy expected a very considerable Quantity of Corn from the *Baltick*, and that the Vessels were to be convoyed by four or five Ships of War, Sir *John Norris*, then Admiral of the Blue, was ordered with six *English Ships* to proceed to the *Sound*, and to endeavour to place himself in such a Station where he might most probably meet with them upon their coming from thence. He was directed in his Passage to endeavour to gain the best Intelligence he could concerning them from any Ships or Vessels he might meet with; and if by this means, or otherwise, he should be assured they were sailed, and that he had not any Prospect of coming up with them, he was to return to *Yarmouth Roads*, and there expect farther Orders.

These Instructions he received by a small Frigate called the *Experiment*, the Commander whereof informed him, that he had seen on the 13th of *June*, off of the *Galloper*, six *French Men of War*, standing N. N. E. with all the Sail they could make, and that he judged them to be bound to the *Baltick*. Thereupon he called a Council of War, where it was determined to keep in their Company a Ship of the Third Rate, and another of the Fifth, which

A Council of War held, and

which had just before joined him, and to strike Ground on the *Juts Riff Bank* (which lies on the Coast of *Jutland*) in twenty Fathom Water, as being judged the most proper Station to meet the Enemy coming from the *Sound*, or others going thither; and after having lain there some time, to proceed between the *Scaw* and *Maesterlandt*, and there, and at the Mouth of the *Sound*, to continue until the Provisions of the Ships should be reduced to three Weeks at whole Allowance.

The 19th of *June* he arrived between the *Scaw* and *Maesterlandt*, and sent on shore for Pilors skilled in the *Categat* and *Sound*. Our homeward bound Convoy at *Maesterlandt* informed him they sailed from *Elsnore* the 15th of *June*, where they left three *French* Privateers, of 22, 16, and 10 Guns, loaden with Corn, but had not heard of any others in those Parts. Sir *John Norris* made the best of his way to that Port, seizing on a *Dane* which had been cleared there as a *French* Ship, and there he was informed that the Enemy intended to convoy their Corn in Neutral Ships, and that there was near a hundred *Dutch* Vessels taking in their Loading, which the Envoy from the States-General was apprehensive they would carry to *France*. Calling a Council of War thereupon, it was determined to strengthen the Convoy bound from *Maesterlandt*, and to endeavour to stop all Ships whatever loaden with Corn from proceeding out of the *Sound*, until the *Dutch* Convoy arrived to carry their Vessels directly to *Holland*,

The 2d of *July* he had Advice the three *French* Ships before-mentioned, which sailed from *Elsnore*, were at *Hammer Sound* in *Norway*, and consequently a Neutral Place, but not fortified, and thither he sent four Frigates to look out for them, or on the Coasts thereabouts, but they had not the good Fortune of meeting them. Several *Swedish* Ships he stopp'd loaden with Corn, bound, as they pretended, to *Holland* and *Portugal*, and this under a Pretence left the Enemy should meet them at Sea; but the Court of *Denmark* took Umbrage thereat, and the Governor of *Elsnore* let him know, that if he continued to stop Ships from passing the *Sound*, he should be obliged to force him to desist.

At this time Sir *John Norris* was between the two Castles at *Elsnore* and *Cronenburgh*, one belonging to the *Dane* and the other to the *Swede*, both of which, at his Arrival, had answered his Salute, from whence he ordered one of the Ships under his Command to go out of the *Sound*, and to endeavour to prevent all Vessels from passing; soon after which he received Orders from the Lord High-Admiral, with the Queen's Approval of what he had done; and on the 12th of *July* Rear-Admiral *Convent* arriving with twelve *Dutch* Ships of War to convoy home their Vessels loaden with Corn, and the *French* Ships being sailed, it was determined at a Council of War, that he should return to *England* with the Squadron, and take the Trade from *Maesterlandt* in Company with him, if they were not gone from that Port.

Stations agreed upon.

Sir John Norris sails to Elsnore.

A Council of War held.

He sends Ships to Hammer Sound to intercept the Enemy,

and

stops several Swedish Ships with Corn.

He is saluted by both the Castles at the Entrance of the Sound.

He returns to England.

C H A P. XXIV.

Containing an Account of Sir Cloudefly Shovell's Proceedings to, in, and from the Mediterranean, with the beating of our Army in Spain; the unsuccessful Attempt on Thoulon by the Duke of Savoy, and the bombarding that Place soon after; together with the Loss of Sir Cloudefly Shovell, and several of our Ships on the Islands of Scilly.

HAVING related what was done in the Soundings, as well as in the North Sea, and up and down in the Chanel, let us look back and give some Account of the Fleet which was fitting out in the Year 1706 for Service in the *Mediterranean*, under the Command of Sir *Cloudefly Shovell*, who had Orders the 12th of *July* to make all possible Dispatch in getting them ready; and on this Expedition went the *Earl Rivers*, and the *Earl of Essex*, with between nine and ten thousand Land-Forces, *English* and *Dutch*, who were to be employed in assisting the King of *Spain* towards the Recovery of his Kingdom from the Duke of *Anjou*.

1706.
Sir Cloudefly Shovell with the Fleet, and Earl Rivers with Land-Forces going to assist the King of Spain.

When Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* arrived at *Lisbon*, he was to take under his Command the Squadron left there by Sir *John Leake* when he came from the *Mediterranean*, under the Conduct of Sir *George Byng*, who in the Interim had detached a Convoy home with the empty Transports and Trade, and sent some Ships of War off of *Carthagena*, at the Request of the Governor of that Place, the better to support him, should he be attack'd by the Militia of *Murcia*, who, since the Retreat of the Troops from thence, had advanced, and obliged *Orignela*, a neighbouring Town, to declare again for the Duke of *Anjou*.

The 6th of *September* Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* came to *Torbay*, where the greatest dispatch was made in getting off Corn and Hay for the Horses, and Water and Necessaries for the *English* and *Dutch* Transports, and being in the Soundings the 10th of the said Month the *Barsleur*, a Ship of the Second Rate, sprung a dangerous Leak so that he was forced to send her home, the *Earl Rivers* going then on board the Admiral's own Ship the *Association*; and many of the Ships of the Fleet, as well as those for Transportation, were not only separated, but received much damage by the Extremity of the Weather, insomuch that he arrived in the River of *Lisbon* with no more than four Ships of War, and about fifty Transports; but meeting most of the rest there, he sent our Cruisers to look for, and assist such as were missing. Here he found several empty Transport Ships, into which he removed those Troops from such others as were render'd unserviceable, and sent two of the Ships of Sir *George Byng's*

The Fleet prepared by Storm.

Byng's Squadron to Alicant with Money and Necessaries for the Army then under Command of the Earl of Gallway.

The 28th of *November* the Admiral had Orders not only to take under his Command all Her Majesty's Ships which he should find at *Lisbon*, but also such others as he might meet with, not employed on any immediate and pressing Service; and much about this time the King of *Portugal* dying, things were in no small Confusion at that Court. *King of Portugal dies.*

Colonel *Worsley* being sent to the King of *Spain* at *Valencia*, returned to *Lisbon* with Letters from His Majesty, and the Earl of *Gallway*, representing the great danger he was in by the Superiority of the *French* and *Spaniards*, unless the Troops with the Earl *Rivers* came speedily to His Majesty's Assistance, insomuch that it was feared things would be reduced to so great Extremities as in the last Winter; whereupon it was resolved to proceed with the Forces to *Alicant* with the utmost Dispatch; but it required much time and pains to put all things in a Readiness, at a Port where but little could be had for making good the great Damages received in their Passage from *England*. *King of Spain presses for the Troops.*

Before the Month of *December* was expired, a very extraordinary Accident happened, which was thus. The Admiral having appointed some cruising Ships to proceed to Sea, as they were going out of the Mouth of the River the *Portuguese* Forts fired at least threescore Shot at them, to bring them to an Anchor, which he perceiving, sent Orders to our Captains to push their way through, and accordingly they did so, without so much as returning one Shot at the Forts. The Court of *Portugal*, upon his representing to them this barbarous Usage, pretended that the Officers of the Forts had done it without Orders, for that they were only directed to fire at, and detain a *Genoese* Ship whose Master was indebted to the King. But the Admiral being certainly informed that this very Ship was at the same time lying before the Walls of the City of *Lisbon*, and that the Master of her was on shore transacting his Business, he let them know, in a manner which became a Person in his Post thus affronted, that if they offered to attempt any such thing again, (for they had done it before to Sir *John Leake*, as hath been already related) he would not stay for Orders from his Mistress, but take Satisfaction from the Mouths of his Cannon. *Portuguese Forts fire at our Ships.*

And here it may not be improper to take Notice of some very handsome Actions performed by some of the Ships which Sir *Cloudesty Shovell* thus sent out to cruise, viz. the *Romney*, of 50 Guns, commanded by Captain *William Cony*, being with the *Milford* and *Fowey*, two Ships of the Fifth Rate, in *Gibraltar* Bay, on the 12th of *December*, they had Intelligence that a *French* Ship of 16 Guns, which had about 30 Pieces of Brass Cannon on board, part of those which belonged to the Ships of Monsieur *Ponty* which Sir *John Leake* had forced on shore, lay at an Anchor under the Guns of *Malaga*, whereupon Captain *Cony*, with the Ship he commanded only, proceeded thither, (one of the Fifth Rates being disabled, and the other having accidentally separated from him) and, notwithstanding

A handsome Action of Captain Cony, and others sent to assist with him.

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withstanding the continual Fire of the Town, took her, and brought her off.

The 26th following he gave chase to, and came up with another *French Ship*, which proved to be the *Content*, of 64 Guns, which, to secure her self, got close under a Castle, about eight Leagues to the Westward of *Almeria*; but Captain *Cony* anchoring, and ordering the *Milford* and *Fowey* to do the same, one a-head, and the other a stern of him, they plied their Guns on her upwards of two Hours, when she took fire, and after burning about three Hours, blew up, losing thereby great part of her Men. This Ship *Monsieur Villars*, who cruised with a *French Squadron* between *Cape Palos* and *Cape de Gates*, had detached to bring out to him the aforesaid Ship with Brass Ordnance from *Malaga*.

On the 8th of *July*, between Twelve and One at Night, Captain *Cony* discovered, and gave chase to another Ship, which was called the *Mercury*, carrying 42 Guns, and two hundred and fifty Men, but was lent by the *French King* to the Merchants, which Ship submitted to him, after her Commander was slain, and several of her Men were killed and wounded.

1704.

The beginning of *January* *Earl Rivers* received Orders from *England* to land the Troops at *Lisbon*, upon Assurances given by the Envoy from *Portugal* at our Court, and the *Marquis Montandre*, that the King would join a considerable Body to penetrate into *Spain*, and march to *Madrid* by way of *Toledo*. But since it was found that the Ministry of *Portugal* would have divided our Army, one half to go to *Valencia*, and the other to the Frontiers of *Portugal*, it was at a Council of War judged impracticable for either of them, in such case, to make any considerable Progress in *Spain*; and therefore it was resolved to land them at *Alicant*, for doing whereof Orders were some little time after received from *England*.

It was resolved to land the Troops at Alicant.

Accordingly the Fleet and Transports proceeded, and when the Troops should be put on shore, the Admiral determined to return to *Lisbon*, there to put the Fleet in a Condition for Service, but to leave six or seven Ships on the *Spanish Coast*, to assist on all Occasions.

The Admiral returns to Lisbon.

Leaving *Alicant* the 17th of *February*, he arrived at *Lisbon* the 11th of the next Month; but in his Passage down the *Streights* the *Burford* met with several Transports which had lost the Fleet in its outward bound Voyage, and he had ordered three Third Rates to follow him from *Alicant* with other Transports, when unloaden, that by their being sent from thence to *England*, the Government might be eased of their Charge as soon as 'twas possible.

Earl Rivers and the Earl of Essex return to Lisbon.

The Army in *Spain* being in great want of Money, Cloaths, Provisions, and other Necessaries, he order'd Sir *George Byng* to proceed to *Alicant* with Supplies, and to take with him one First Rate, one Second, seven Thirds, and one Fourth, together with the nine Ships of the States General, and some small Frigates and Fire-ships; and on the 23d of *March* *Earl Rivers* and the *Earl of Essex* came thither from *Alicant*, with several Officers who were returning for *England* after the Army was landed; the reason whereof I know

know not, unless it was that they had no Inclination to serve with the Earl of *Galloway*, who was a Senior Officer.

Sir *George Byng* sailed the 30th of *March*, who, when he had put on shore the Necessaries for the Army, was to employ the Ships under his Command so as that they might be of most Service to the Allies; and the Admiral was making the utmost Dispatch with the rest of the Fleet to follow him, which were one Ship of the Second Rate, eleven of the Third, four of the Fourth, as many of the Fifth, besides Fireships, Bombs, and other small Vessels.

1707.
Sir George Byng goes with a Squadron to Alicant.

With these Ships he sailed, and when he was off of Cape *St. Vincent* he had the melancholy News of the Deteat of our Army in *Spain* at the Battel of *Almanza*, great part of the Foot being killed, or taken Prisoners, the Lord *Galloway* having desired Sir *George Byng* that what he had brought with him for their Use might be carried to *Tortosa* in *Catalonia*, to which Place his Lordship designed to retreat, and that, if possible, he would save the sick and wounded Men at *Denia*, *Gandia*, and *Valencia*, where it was intended the Bridges of Boats, Baggage, and all things that could be got together should be put on board. Accordingly he took care of the sick and wounded Men, and arriving at *Tortosa*, there the Lord *Galloway* propos'd to make a Stand with the poor Remains of the Army. This Service employed Sir *George Byng* almost the whole Month of *April*, and then he was in daily Expectation of being joined by Sir *Cloudestly Shovell* from *Lisbon*, either on that part of the Coast of *Spain*, or at *Barcelona*, whither he was designed.

Our Army in Spain beaten.

The Admiral arriving at *Alicant* the 10th of *May*, he sailed from thence the next Day, and joined Sir *George Byng* at *Barcelona* the 20th, whence he proceeded to the Coast of *Italy*, and the latter end of *June* anchored between *Nice* and *Antibes*, where he hourly expected his Royal Highness the Duke of *Savoy*, with the Army which was to attempt *Thoulon*, consisting, as it was represented to him, of thirty five thousand Men, all extraordinary good Troops, whereas that of the Enemy amounted not to thirty thousand, and most part of them new raised, not but that they were getting together the *Ban*, and the *Ariere Ban* of the Country, which might make as many more.

Sir Cloudestly Shove joins Sir George Byng, and sails for the Coast of Italy.

The 29th of *June* the Duke of *Savoy* and Prince *Eugene* arriving, his Royal Highness came on board the Admiral, when he was at an Anchor about a League from the *Var*, where the Enemy were entrenched with part of their Troops. His Highness resolv'd to attempt the Pass before the rest of them came up, and the Admiral undertook to destroy their Works next to the Sea, for he could place his Ships in less than Musket-shot, so as to have them open to him. From thence he forced the Enemy, and Sir *John Norris* landing with five or six hundred Seamen and Marines, took Possession of them, insomuch that about half an Hour after his Royal Highness passed without Opposition, and the 4th of *July* decamped and march'd towards *Thoulon*, while the Fleet made way to the Isles of *Hyerer*, the Admiral engaging to the Duke that if the Place was taken, and

Duke of Savoy comes on board the Fleet, and the Enemy's Resrenchments upon the Var attacked.

Our Fleet goes to the Isles of Hyerer.

he could not retreat safely by Land, to convoy himself and the Army by Sea.

Four Third Rates, and five *Dutch* Ships joined him towards the latter end of *July*, as did those he had sent to *Genoa* and *Livorne*, with the Transports that were loaden with Ammunition and Provisions for the Army; and he appointed some Frigates not only to keep open the Communication by Sea, but to protect the Duke of *Savoy's* Boats passing to and fro, and to awe the Enemy in *Villa Franca* and *Monaco*; besides which others were sent on proper Services.

Cannon, &c.
landed from
the Fleet.

One hundred Cannon were landed from the Fleet for the Batteries, with two hundred Rounds of Powder and Shot, and a considerable Number of Seamen to serve as Gunners; and Cordage, Nails, and Spikes, with all other things wanting for the Camp, (for indeed they were but poorly furnished) were supply'd from the Ships; so that Affairs had a very good Face till the 4th of *August*, when, early in the Morning, the Enemy making a vigorous Sally, forced most or all of the People out of the Works, and took Possession to the Right, where they continued all Day, and upon their going off, destroyed them, drawing away eight or ten Guns into the Town, in which Action there were killed and wounded on the Duke of *Savoy's* side above eight hundred Men, among whom were the Prince of *Saxe Gotha*, and some Officers of Distinction.

The French
make a suc-
cessful Sally.

This Attempt being made with such Numbers, it put the Troops under great Apprehensions, and the Generals were of Opinion it would not be proper to carry on the Siege, since while the Duke of *Savoy's* Army decreased, the Enemy rather gathered Strength; inso-much that on the 6th of *August* his Royal Highness desired the Admiral would immediately embark the Sick and Wounded, and take off the Cannon, in order to his raising the Siege, which from this time was turned only to a Cannonading and Bombardment. His Royal Highness also informed him that he purposed to decamp the 10th in the Morning, and desired that the Fleet might accompany the Army as far as the *Var*; which being done, it was proposed to the Duke, and Prince *Eugene*, to carry with the Fleet to *Spain* any Troops which could be spared for Service in that Country; but since there was not any thing determined in this Affair, the Admiral soon after shaped his Course down the *Streights*.

The Siege of
Thoulon
raised.

When the Army were withdrawn from *Thoulon*, our Bomb-Vessels played to warmly on the Town, that they set it on fire, which continued to burn furiously all Night, nor was it extinguish'd the next Day, but at length the Enemy brought both Guns and Mortars against the Vessels, and forced them to retire, not a little mangled.

Thoulon
bombard.

French sink
their ships.

Before the *French* made their Sally, they were in such a Consternation, that they sunk about twenty of their Ships of War in the Harbour, ten, or more of them, with three Decks, and did it in such a manner, as render'd them unfit for any farther Service ever since.

Thus

Thus ended an Expedition, attended with so much Charge, against the most considerable Port the *French* have in the *Mediterranean*, and Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* being not a little mortify'd at the Misfortune, though he contributed all in his Power towards the reducing it, he bent his Course homewards (as hath been already said) with one Ship of the First Rate, two of the Second, seven of the Third, two of the Fourth, one of the Fifth, two of the Sixth, four Fifth Rates, one Sloop, and one Yacht, leaving at *Gibraltar* Sir *Thomas Dilkes* with nine Ships of the Line of Battel, three Fifth Rates, and one of the Sixth, for Service on the Coast of *Italy*.

Coming into the *Soundings* the 23d of *October*, he had nine or ten Fathom Water, which was in the Morning of that Day, and in the Afternoon he brought the Fleet to, and lay by, with a very fresh Gale at S. S. W. but hazey Weather. At Six at Night he made sail again, and stood away under his Courses, believing, as 'tis presumed, he saw the Light at *Scilly*; soon after which several of the Ships made the Signal of Danger, as he himself did. Sir *George Byng* was not then half a Mile to Windward of him, who saw the Breaches of the Sea, and soon after the Rocks of *Scilly* above Water, on one of which the Admiral struck, and in less than two Minutes there was not any thing of his Ship seen. The Ship where Sir *George Byng* bore his Flag was providentially saved chiefly by his own Presence of Mind in this imminent Danger, even when one of the Rocks was almost under her Main Chans, and Sir *John Norris* and the Lord *Durley* with very great difficulty disengaged themselves from the threatening Fate, besides whom several others ran no small hazard among these dangerous little Islands.

It cannot be imagin'd but that this sad Accident occasioned a very great Surprize at home, especially since so experienced a Seaman, and so good an Officer as Sir *Cloudefly Shovell* was had the conducting of the Fleet, and that there were other Flags, as well as private Captains, with him of undoubted Knowledge. As I cannot undertake to give the true Cause of this unhappy Misfortune, I shall leave it with this common Observation, that upon approaching Land after so long a Run, the best Looker out is the best Sailer, and consequently the lying by in the Night time, and making sail in the Day is the most safe; which I think this unhappy Gentleman did not do, and might principally occasion not only the Loss of himself and all his Ship's Company, but also of all the Officers and Men of the *Eagle*, a Ship of 70 Guns, and of the *Romney*, mounted with 50, the former of which was commanded by Captain *Robert Haucock*, and the other by Captain *William Cony*. The *Firebrand* Frigate was also lost, but Captain *Francis Percy*, and most of her Company saved, and the *Phoenix* Fireship, commanded by Captain *Sonson*, ran on shore, but was luckily got off again.

I cannot but have a lively Idea of the danger Fleets are expos'd to upon entering the *British* Chanel, when coming from foreign Parts, but more especially when their Officers have not the Advantage of knowing their Latitude by a good Observation; for being sent from *Cádiz* by the Earl of *Orford*, (then Admiral *Ruffell*) to whom by

Sir Cloudefly Shovell returns down the Channel, and leaves some Ships with Sir Thomas Dilkes.

Sir Cloudefly Shovell among the sands of Scilly.

He is lost.

Several Ships happily escap'd.

An Observation on this unhappy Accident.

Other Ships lost.

An Observation of the danger which the Author ran near Scilly.

whom I had the Honour to be Secretary, as I had been for several Years before, to take on me my present Employment of Secretary of the Admiralty, I had at that time no other Convenience of a Passage than on a *Dutch* Ship of War of 70 Guns, the Captain whereof was in Years, and had long commanded in the Service of the States-General, I will not say with how good Success.

Meeting a tedious Passage in the Winter Season, wherein we were expos'd to no little Extremities both for want of Water and Provisions, the Trade which accompanied us from *Cadix* were joined, when we approach'd the *English* Chanel, by several other *Dutch* Ships of War, and all other Merchant Ships bound from *Portugal*, so that there were in Company between three and four hundred Sail.

The Captain of the Ship on which I embarked, being the Senior Officer, led the whole, but was so far mistaken in his Reckoning, that had it not been for a Gentleman who accompany'd me in my Voyage, and who, near four a Clock in the Evening, the latter end of *December*, went into the Main top to look out, suspecting we were, by our Course, very near Land, the greatest part of the Fleet would infallibly have been lost, for at that very time we were all stemming directly on the Rocks of *Scilly*, and with the utmost difficulty got clear of them; so positive was the rash old Commander in his own Judgment, nor would he believe the happy Warning which was given him by the cautious Gentleman, till even he could almost see, at that time of Night, the danger he was running into from the Deck of his Ship.

C H A P. XXV.

Containing an Account of Sir Thomas Dilkes's Proceedings while he commanded in the Mediterranean.

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INOW return to Rear-Admiral *Dilkes*, who, as hath been mention'd before, was left with a Squadron of Ships in the *Mediterranean*, to be employ'd in the Service of the King of *Spain*, with which he sail'd from *Gibraltar* the 5th of *October*, (being seven Third Rates, three Fourths, and one Fifth of ours, and four Ships of the Line, with a Fireship, of the *Dutch*, in order to join some other of our Ships coming from *Italy* with a considerable Transport for *Catalonia*.)

When he was some Leagues Westward of *Barcelona*, he received a Letter by Express from the King of *Spain*, another from the Earl of *Galloway*, and a third from our Envoy, Mr. *Stanbope*, desiring him to call at *Barcelona*, his Majesty having some Affairs of Importance to communicate to him. Being there, the King let him know that he was inform'd he had Orders to stop at *Livorne*, and

The King of Spain confers with Sir Thomas Dilkes,

to carry from thence the Succours from *Italy* to *Catalonia*; then to employ the Squadron under his Command as might be best for his Service, until the middle of *January* next; and after that to repair to *Lisbon* to refit the Ships, and for a Supply of Provisions. His Majesty represented to him how highly préjudicial it would be to the Common Cause, and to himself in particular, if a Squadron did not constantly remain in the *Mediterranean*, not only to protect his Transports with Corn, but to bring the Queen from *Italy* when she should be ready to embark; and therefore proposed that the Ships with him might be thus divided. Part of them to attend the Queen, others to strengthen the Convoy from *Italy*, and the Remainder to endeavour to reduce the Kingdom of *Sardinia*, his Majesty having appointed the *Comde de Cifuentes* his Lieutenant-General there: But it was thought necessary that some Ships might be first sent to *Italy* to take in a Body of Men for this Service. His Majesty also let the Rear-Admiral know, that should he leave those Seas, all *Catalonia* would be much exposed to the Enemy, as well as his own Person to the hazard of a Siege, especially if *Lerida* should be lost, for which Reasons he earnestly pressed his stay.

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presses that a Squadron might remain in the Mediterranean.

King of Spain's Proposals for dividing the Ships.

Upon this a Council of War was called, and considering the Condition of the Ships, as to Stores and Provisions, it was judged absolutely necessary they should be at *Lisbon* by the middle of *January*; nor was it thought that the Flag was at liberty by his Instructions to divide the Squadron. But it was concluded, that if when he came to *Livorne*, he should find the Enemy had not a Strength at Sea to molest the Convoy with the Troops designed to *Catalonia*, he should then sail to the Island of *Sardinia*, as his Majesty had desired.

A Council of War held.

The King pressed him again to proceed to that Island, and assured him the Inhabitants wanted only an Opportunity of declaring for him, which when they had done, himself and Troops might from thence be furnished with Bread, at this time very much wanted; and his Majesty, as a farther Motive for his Proceeding on this Service, let him know that he had reason to believe the Transports from *Italy* were already on their way.

The King presses Sir Thomas Dilkes to proceed to Sardinia.

Since the Care of that Embarcation was particularly recommended to him by his Instructions, he sailed from *Barcelona* the 2d of *November*, but meeting with hard Gales of Wind, the Ships were separated, nor had they joined him again the 14th, when he was about twelve Leagues from Cape *Corfica*, where he was informed by a Letter from the King of *Spain* of the Loss of *Lerida*, so that it was absolutely necessary the Troops should be in *Spain* as soon as possible, especially since *Tortosa* and *Tarragona* were in great danger.

Lerida lost.

He arrived at *Livorne* the 19th of *November*, in which Road he met with to violent a Storm, that all the Ships suffered very much; and here he had notice from *Genoa* that all the Transports were ready to sail for *Final* to take in eight thousand Foot, besides some Horse, where he intended to join them with his whole Squadron,

Sir Thomas Dilkes comes to Livorne.

to prevent Accidents from the Enemy, who had a considerable Strength at Sea, and in all Probability might have a Design to way-lay them.

The 1st of *December* he had not any notice of the Transport Ships being arriv'd at *Final*, and since the Commadore of the Convoy had informed him that by the strong South-West Winds the Cables of the Ships were very much damaged in the Port of *Genoa*, he thought they could not well be trusted at such a Season of the Year at *Final*, and therefore earnestly desired of our Envoy that the Troops might embark at *Vado*, a little Town about a League to the Westward of *Savona*, where they might safely be carried off in the worst Weather; but soon after this he died of a Fever after some Days Illness, during which time he committed the Care of the Squadron to Captain *Jasper Hicks*, who was the next Senior Officer.

Sir Thomas Dilkes dies, and Captain Hicks commands.

It may not be improper here to inform you, that upon Sir *Thomas Dilkes's* coming into the Road of *Livorne*, he demanded a Salute of seventeen Guns, which being refused, he writ to our Envoy at the *Grand Duke's* Court, who was answer'd by the Secretary of State, that since Sir *Thomas Dilkes* was not more than a Rear-Admiral, what he had demanded could not be granted, for that the Castle at *Livorne* never had saluted the Flag of any Crowned Head first, but such as were either Admirals, or Vice-Admirals; and that as to the Number of Guns he demanded, Sir *Cloudestly Shovell*, though Admiral of the Fleet of *Great Britain*, was contented with eleven, and answer'd the Salute with the same.

A Dispute about the Salute at Livorne.

Captain *Hicks*, as I have said, being at the Head of the Squadron, he took care to conduct the Transports to *Spain*, and coming to *Lisbon* the 7th of *March*, there he received Orders to put the Ships under his Command into the best Condition he could against the Arrival of Sir *John Leake*, Admiral of the Fleet, from *England*, of whose Proceedings I shall give an Account, after I have looked homeward for some time, and informed you what was done in the *Chanel*, *Soundings*, and off of *Dunkirk*.

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Containing an Account of Sir Stafford Fairborn's Expedition to the River Charente; as also of his Proceedings with a Squadron off of Ostend, when part of our Army laid siege to that Place; and what was done by Sir Thomas Hardy in the Soundings.

WHEN Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, Vice-Admiral of the Red, had in the Month of *April* been hastening out Ships from the River *Medway*, he came to *Spithead*, and there making all possible Dispatch in getting the Squadron ready with which he was to proceed into the *Soundings*, he was under Sail the 24th of the aforesaid Month of *April* with two Third Rates, three Fourth, and one Fifth, being to join two other Third Rates at *Plimouth*, as also the *Centurion* of 50 Guns, if there, and another of 40, he having order'd the *Milford* to follow him. His Instructions from the Lord High-Admiral were to proceed, with all possible Secrecy, to the Mouth of the River *Charente*, and to use his utmost Endeavours to take, or destroy such Ships or Vessels as the Enemy might be fitting out from *Rochefort*, which commonly lie before the Mouth of the said River to take in their Guns, Stores, and Provisions.

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Sir Stafford Fairborn sent with a Squadron off of Rochefort.

When he had done his utmost in this Attempt, he was to consider at a Council of War what farther Service might be performed against the Enemy in the *Bay*, or on the *French Coast* elsewhere, and to endeavour to put in Execution what should be agreed on, so as to return by the middle of *May* to *Plimouth*, in regard there might by that time be occasion for the Ships under his Command for other Services.

By contrary Winds he was obstructed a considerable time from putting these Instructions in Execution, but at length he got off of the River *Charente*, and had a fair Prospect, if the Winds would have permitted, to have burnt the Enemy's Ships before *Rochelle*, a Disposition being to that purpose made; but, thus frustrated, he returned to *Plimouth* the 17th of *May*, with some small Prizes taken between the Isles of *Rbé* and *Oleron*, where with their Boats they also took and destroyed ten trading Vessels.

He returns to Plimouth with some Prizes

He lay not long at *Plimouth* e'er he had Orders to come to the *Dovens*, where, on the 30th of *May*, he received Instructions to repair off of *Ostend*, with four Ships of the Third Rate, three of the Fourth, four of the Fifth, one Fireship, two Bomb-Vessels, two Brigantines, and as many Sloops. And since part of the Army in *Flanders* was to be detached to *Ostend*, in order to oblige that Garrison to declare for King *Charles* the Third of *Spain*, he was to employ the Ships in such manner as might best conduce to the Reduction of the said Place, holding Correspondence with the Commander in Chief of the Forces before it. And if the Duke of *Marlborough*

Sir Stafford Fairborn sent off of Ostend.

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should be present, he was to follow his Orders, in case his Grace should think it proper to employ the Squadron on any other Service besides that of *Ostend*.

Pursuant to these Instructions Sir *Stafford Fairborn* proceeded over to *Ostend*; and stood in so near that the Town fired upon him; but after he had answer'd them in the same manner, he came to an Anchor within two Miles of the Place, which was as near as the Banks would permit, when sending his Lieutenant on shore, he brought him an Account that the Duke of *Marlborough* was at *Thielt*, and that Monsieur *Auverquerque* was marching the 6th of *June* with a Body of fifteen thousand Men to cut off all Communication between *Newport* and *Ostend*, as also that some Battalions were marching down to the Water side, Westward of the Town, so as to make themselves Masters of all the Sluices.

Newport at-
tempted.

The first Attempt was made on *Newport*, to which Place, at the Desire of Monsieur *Auverquerque*, Sir *Stafford Fairborn* sent three small Frigates, to prevent their being supply'd with Provisions by Sea, and kept in the mean while his lesser Ships in constant Motion on the Windward Tides, to prevent any thing going into, or coming out of the Harbour of *Ostend*; but soon after it was thought most proper to block up *Newport*, while the Siege of *Ostend* was carrying on, where Monsieur *Auverquerque* lay encamped with his first Line within random Shot, the second Line fronting *Newport*, and his Quarters were at *Fort Albert*.

Ostend be-
sieged.

The Entrance of the Harbour being long, narrow, and crooked, whatever Ship or Vessel attempted, to go in would be much exposed to the Platform of Guns, so that there seemed but little hopes of attempting any thing against the Ships by Sea, which lay all in a Cluster close to the Key, on the back side of the Town; but there were Letters in the Camp which insinuated, that as soon as the Trenches were opened, the Batteries raised, and some Bombs thrown into the Place, the *Spaniards* in Garrison, assisted by the Seamen and Burghers, would oblige the *French* Battalions to yield.

Monsieur *Auverquerque* acquainting Sir *Stafford Fairborn* that the Enemy had drawn some of their Troops together at *Furnes*, under the Marshal *Villeroi*, and that he was of Opinion two or three Frigates might be of Service, by hindering their Foot or Horse from passing the Gut at *Newport*, he accordingly dispatched some small Ships thither, not but that he was of Opinion the Sands which lay off would prevent their Shot reaching the Shore.

The Trenches
opened.

It was now the 16th of *June*, and the Trenches were not opened, for want of a sufficient Number of Fascines, but that was done next Day within Pistol-shot of the Counterscarp, the Enemy killing and wounding about forty Men, and the Colonel of the Train was shot through the Thigh.

Some Boats get
into Ostend.

The 19th, before break of Day, three Shallops, supposed to come from *Dunkirk*, got into *Ostend*, notwithstanding there were six of our small Frigates and Vessels close with the Shore to the Westward, and eight Boats upon the Guard. The Wind being from off the Land, by the help of that, and a strong Tide in their favour, they

shot to the Eastward of the Boats, through the Fire of several of them, and of a whole Battalion drawn up along the Shore; but had there been a Battery to the Eastward of *Ostend*, which Sir *Stafford Fairborn* proposed when the Army came first before the Place, we might have had as much Command of the Entrance of the Port as the Enemy, who had already slung against the Army and Trenches near nine thousand Shot, and two hundred Shells, and made such a continued Fire with their small Arms, that it was to be wonder'd there was not more Mischief done.

Our Batteries being finished we began to play upon the Enemy at once with forty five great Cannon, twenty smaller, and thirty six Mortars, as did our two Bomb Vessels, so that the Town was on fire in several Places within a quarter of an Hour. This made them more sloake in their firing than before; but the Duke of *Marlborough* the Lord *Raby*, (now Earl of *Strafford*) Count *Corneille*, the Prince Prince *d' Auvergne*, and the Prince of *Hesse*, making a Visit to Monsieur *Auverquerque*, and in the Afternoon entering the Trenches, they fired for some time faster than ever, believing the Duke to be there, by the Salutes given to his Grace by all our Ships; and while he was in the Camp, (which was open to the Town) where he exposed himself very much, a Detachment of Grenadiers lodged themselves, with but little Loss, upon an Angle of the Counterescarp. The 24th of *June* our Batteries were advanced to the first Parallel, and a great Number of Troops were sent to make the aforesaid Lodgment larger, so that on the 25th, when the Town was on fire in many Places, they hung out a Flag to capitulate.

The Town on fire in many Places.

A hot fire when the Duke of Marlborough and others were in the Trenches.

The Garrison capitulates.

When the Army began first to fire from their Batteries, Sir *Stafford Fairborn* ordered all the small Frigates to get under Sail, and stand as close in with the Shore as possibly they could, and fire their Broadfides into the Town, which they effectually did, receiving themselves little damage; and this he intended they should daily have done, but they were prevented by the Badnels of the Weather.

The Garrison surrendering upon such Conditions as were thought reasonable, the 17th in the Morning Count *La Motte* with the *French* Troops (amounting to about two thousand three hundred and sixty Men) marched out of the Town, and the two *Spanish* Regiments breaking, every one went to his respective home, when Baron *Spar*, with four *Dutch* Battalions, took Possession of the Place, which was in a manner a heap of Rubbish. This Affair being over, Sir *Stafford Fairborn* proceeded to *Spithead* with the *English* and *Dutch* Transport Ships, and Troops designed for *Spain* with the Earl *Rivers*, of which I have already given an Account.

After Sir *Thomas Hardy* had been with Sir *Stafford Fairborn* in the Expedition to *Rocheport*, and that against *Ostend*, he was appointed to command a Squadron in the *Soundings*, where he cruised from time to time for the Protection of our Trade, and annoying the Enemy, wherein he had not only the good Fortune to secure our homeward bound Fleets, but to take divers Prizes; and there being several Ships from *India* arrived in the Harbour of *Cork*, he

Sir Thomas Hardy commands a Squadron in the Soundings.

He brings
East-India
Ships from
Cork.

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proceeded thither, and brought them from thence, after he had lain there a considerable time Wind-bound; but in his Passage to *England* he met with a violent Storm, which not only separated and damaged the Ships, but forced him to bear up for *Milford Haven*, inasmuch that though he sailed from *Plimouth* towards *Cork* the 24th of *December* 1706, he arrived not in the *Downs* before the 4th of *March* following, having with him five Ships of War, and sixty three Merchant Ships, from whence he returned Westward.

CHAPTER XXVII.

Containing an Account of Sir George Byng's Proceedings Northward, after a Squadron of French Ships that sailed from Dunkirk with the Pretender, and a Body of Land-Forces which were intended to land in Scotland.

1707.
Advice of the
Pretender's
Design to in-
vade the King-
dom.

The Naval
Preparations
made there-
upon.

IN the Month of *February* 1707, there was certain Advice that the Pretender, with a Squadron of Ships, and armed Troops, intended to make an Attempt on Her Majesty's Dominions, and thereupon Orders were given to Sir *John Jennings*, Vice-Admiral of the Red, to go down the River, and hasten the Ships fitting out to the *Downs*, as well as others in the River *Medway*. The like Orders were given the same Day to Captain *Christopher Myngs* at *Portsmouth*, to lend away those which were at *Spithead*, and Sir *George Byng* was also, on the 17th of *February*, order'd to *Portsmouth*, to quicken the Ships from thence by two or three at a time, as they should be ready, and to take Men (if he found occasion for it) from those in the Harbour, and from Merchant Ships.

Mr. *Baker*, Rear-Admiral of the White, was, on the same Day, ordered to proceed with the Ships at the *Nore* to the *Downs*, with all possible Dispatch, and when there, to keep one or two off of *Dunkirk* for Intelligence; and if the Enemy got out of that Port, he was directed to follow, and endeavour to intercept, or destroy them; but if a superior Flag-Officer came to the *Downs*, he was to communicate these Orders to him, that so he might put them in Execution.

The 22d of *February* Sir *John Jennings* was order'd immediately to repair to the *Downs*, and from thence off of *Dunkirk*; and when he had discovered what the Enemy were doing there, he was, as Winds and Weather might permit, to repair to the Flats of the *Foreland*, the *Downs*, *Rye-Bay*, or such other Station as he should judge most proper for intercepting them, if he found they proceeded either Westward, Northward, or up the River of *Thames*, but to return off of *Dunkirk* when the Weather would permit, and in the

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mean while to leave proper Ships there to bring him early Intelligence. If he had Advice they were got out to Sea, he was to follow them as far as they should go, and endeavour to take or destroy them; and it was also recommended to him to inform himself from *Holland*, what Ships of the States-General were in a Readiness to join with Her Majesty's, and to acquaint the Commander of them with his Instructions and Rendezvous: But if Sir *George Byng*, then Admiral of the Blue, arrived timely in the *Downs* from *Spithead*, he was to serve under his Command, and he to put these Orders in Execution.

The next Day, being the 23d of *February*, the Lord High-Admiral, Prince *George of Denmark*, sent Instructions to Sir *George Byng*, to leave Orders with the Lord *Dursley*, that if the *French* Squadron appeared in Sight of *Spithead*, with an Easterly Wind, he with the Ships under his Command should endeavour to go through the *Needles*, in order to join those coming from *Plimouth* with Captain *Hovenden Walker**, either at that Port, or in *Torbay*, and, when so joined, to come Eastward, and do his utmost to take, sink, or otherwise destroy them, should they attempt any thing at *Portsmouth*; and on the 24th Orders were sent to Sir *John Jennings*, that if the Enemy got out with an Easterly Wind, and stood Westward, before the Ships from *Portsmouth* could join him, and that they were too strong for those under his Command, he should endeavour not only to keep between them and our Ships at *Spithead*, but to join them as soon as possible, sending one of his best Sailers thither, with notice of his Approach, that so they might be in an immediate Readiness.

Sir *George Byng* arriving in the *Downs* the 2d of *March* 1707, and there being reason to believe that the Enemy's Ships were bound to *Scotland*, Orders were sent him next Day to consider at a Council of War where he might best come to an Anchor, or cruise for intercepting them, if they proceeded Northward, or attempted to come on the Coast of *England*, or to go Westward through the Chancel. And when he should be joined by Captain *Walker* from *St. Helen's*, he was to consider if he had Strength sufficient to divide the Ships into two Squadrons, and if so, how they might be best employed for preventing the Enemy's getting out of *Dunkirk*, and intercepting those which it was apprehended were coming to that Port from *Brest*, wherein he was to govern himself according to what should be determined.

It was judged the French ships were bound with the Pretender to Scotland.

Having thus given an Account of what was done towards getting a Number of Ships together to oppose the Designs of the Pretender, and his Friend the *French King*, and brought Sir *George Byng* to the Head of the Squadron, it remains that I acquaint you with his Proceedings before and after the Enemy got out of *Dunkirk*.

The 26th in the Morning, (having then with him three Ships of the Third Rate, twelve of the Fourth, six of the Fifth, three of the Sixth, and a Fireship) he called a Council of War, and 'twas re-

* Afterwards a Flag-Officer.

Sir George Byng's Proceedings after the Pretender to the Coast of Scotland, and before he got out of Dunkirk.

solved to proceed immediately with all the Ships into *Gravelin Pits*, or off of *Dunkirk*, to take the best View, or gain the best Intelligence that possibly might be of the Enemy; and not knowing whether any Ships were joined from *Brest*, he desired to be strengthened, especially with some of Force.

It falling calm on the Ebb in the Evening, he was obliged to anchor within the *South Foreland*, but next Morning, at four a Clock, he weighed again, with very little Wind at South, and stretched over to *Gravelin Pits*, where he got Advice of the Enemy's Strength by the Men of a Fishing-Boat taken near the Shore, and that the 27th in the Evening, after he came to an Anchor, the King of England (as they called him) came to *Gravelin* with two Post Chaises, in his way to *Dunkirk*, where they daily expected Ships from *Brest*.

Upon consulting the Flag-Officers with him, who were Sir *John Jennings*, Vice-Admiral of the Red, the Lord *Dursley*, Vice-Admiral of the Blue, and *John Baker* Esq; Rear-Admiral of the White, it was judged adviseable, while the Winds were Westerly, and likely to blow, to ride in *Gravelin Pits*, both for the Security of the Squadron, and that they might lie in the way of the Ships from *Brest*, mean while to send a Frigate to *Holland*, with notice to the Deputies of the States that he was there, if they should think it proper to send any Ships to join him.

With a small Frigate he went within two Miles of *Flemish Road*, and had a good Sight of the Enemy's Ships, which he counted to be twenty seven in all, small and great, one of which he took to be a Ship of 60 Guns, and three of about 50, the rest smaller, all lying with their Topfails loose, the usual Sign of their being ready to sail; besides which he saw between forty and fifty within the Heads above the Forts, two or three of which seemed to be pretty large Ships, but discovered not more in the *Basin* than three, one of them unrigg'd, and another with a White Flag at her Main-top-mast Head.

If not any of the Enemy's Ships appeared from the Westward, and the Weather was favourable, he had thoughts of shifting Roads, and to lie for a Day or two off of *Dunkirk*, in the fair way for the other Chanel, to observe their Motions should they come out, which if they did not attempt in that time, the Spring was so far over, that he judged they could not do any thing until the next, inasmuch that he then intended to proceed to the *Downs*, a Road of much greater Security; but in this, and all other Movements he made, he resolved to take the Opinion of the Flag Officers; and since the Enemy were not joined by any Ships from *Brest*, (at least he judged so from their Strength at *Dunkirk*) he had not yet sent to *Holland* for a Re-inforcement.

The 1st of *March* the Wind coming more Westerly, and it seeming as if it would be dirty Weather, he, pursuant to the Opinion of the Flag-Officers, plied out of *Gravelin Roads* to the Westward, and the next Day stood over to the *Downs*; for as the Squadron was fitted out in a Hurry, and consequently wanted Provisions, Stores, Water,

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Water, and other Necessaries to enable them to follow the Enemy, he took the Opportunity of coming to our own Coast, that so they might be supplid. Before he left *Gravelin* he saw the same Number of Ships in *Flemish Road*, and in the Harbour within the Peers, as he had done before, the latter whereof he judged could not come out until the next Spring-Tides, especially the bigger Ships, but that those in *Flemish Road* might go to Sea from the Eastern Channel, so that there was no Chance of preventing them, but by lying on the backside of the Sands of *Dunkirk*, where it was thought the Squadron would be too much exposed to the Weather so early in the Year; besides, should any Ships come from *Bress*, he judged himself in a fairer way in the *Downs* to intercept them, having placed three Scouts, one without the other, from the *Nesse* over to *Boulogne Bay*, with Orders to make Signals, so as that he might have timely notice. Besides which, he had sent two Ships of 50, one of 40 Guns, and two Sixth Rates off of the back of the Sands of *Dunkirk*, to look into the Road that way, and withal to observe if there were any Cruisers of theirs on that Station, and after they had made what Discoveries they could to join him; and three Days before he had sent a Frigate to *Holland* to acquaint the Deputies of the States that he was off of *Gravelin*, that so what Ships they intended to add to our Squadron might be ordered to repair to him; and he desired that Advice might be also sent to *Holland* by the way of *Harwich*, that he was in the *Downs*.

One of his Scouts spoke with a Dogger that came six Days before from *Nantes*, whose Master said, it was there reported the Armament at *Dunkirk* was designed for *Scotland*, and that many *Irish*, and others, were gone from that part of the Country to embark in it, so that he was of opinion that what the Fishermen, who were some Days before taken on the *French Coast*, said relating to the Pretender, was true; for at the same time they affirmed he went through *Gravelin*, he himself saw them fire the Guns round the Town.

By a Letter of the 2d of *March* he gave an Account that the Wind was come about to the East, and that he was of opinion the Ships in *Flemish Road* could not proceed on any Design very soon, should it so continue, for which reason he thought the Service no ways obstructed by his remaining in the *Downs*, until he could have the Prince's Orders for his further Proceedings; and the next Day it blew very fresh at North-East, with drizzling Weather.

The 5th of *March* he owned the Receipt of Orders from his Royal Highness to govern himself as a Council of War should think most advisable, and Captain *Walker* having joined him with some Ships from the Westward, as also the *Bedford*, a Third Rate, from *Portsmouth*, himself and the other Flag-Officers were of opinion, that for the better preventing any of the Enemy's Ships joining those at *Dunkirk*, and observing such as were at that Port, the whole Squadron should proceed over to *Gravelin Pits* the 8th Day of this Month, the Tides beginning then to lift, and after having viewed the Posture of the Enemy there, either to lie with the greatest part

A Council of War held.

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of the Ships off of the North Chanel of *Dunkirk*, or to keep under fail, as should be thought most safe, and that at the same time some others should be sent to cruise between *Beachy* and *Dieppe*, to intercept the Enemy's Ships which might come from *West France*, or to give him notice if they got sight of them, that so he might endeavour to prevent their joining those at *Dunkirk*.

Advice of the
Pretender
from General
Cadogan.

The 6th in the Morning one of his Scouts made the Signal of seeing Ships Westward, upon which he immediately unmoored, and got under Sail; and as he was dispatching his Letter to give an Account of this to the Lord High-Admiral, he received Advice from Major-General *Cadogan*, by his *Aid de Camp*, who left *Ostend* the 4th at Night in a Sloop, that the Pretender arrived at *Dunkirk* the 10th, N. S. and that fifteen *French* Battalions, commanded by the Count *de Gace*, being to embark for *Scotland*, he had, in pursuance of Her Majesty's Commands, provided Shipping at *Bruges*, for ten Battalions, which should be ready to sail by the 18th, or 19th, N. S. and desired he would appoint such a Convoy as he judged necessary to see them safe to *Great Britain*. He also acquainted him that he was informed from the Pensionary of *Holland* eight of their Ships were ready to join him, whose Rendezvous was *Schoon-Velde*, on the Coast of *Zealand*; and with this Letter the Major-General sent him an Account of the Enemy's Ships at *Dunkirk*, which he assured him he might depend upon.

Besides this, the Gentleman who brought these Dispatches acquainted him, that after he had parted from the General, he was informed by the Governor of *Ostend* that the Enemy had embarked all their Troops, but that when our Squadron appeared off of *Gravelin*, they put them on shore again; that since his sailing thence, they were ordered to embark a second time, and, as he believed, might in a Day or two be all ready to sail.

Our Ships fall
in with some
of the En-
emy's.

When Sir *George Byng* received this Intelligence, the Wind blew fresh at S. W. by W. and he intended to proceed immediately to *Dunkirk*, or to govern himself as the Weather would permit, so as that he might be able to do the best Service; but it blew so very fresh South-Westerly all that Day, and the next Morning, as to put by the Cruisers he had stationed Westward, which in thick Weather, at Six in the Morning, had fallen in with eleven Sail, and were within Gun-shot of some of them. They judged them to be five from 50 to 60 Guns, the others of smaller Force, and were chased by them till they came in sight of our Squadron. Upon the Signal which these Cruisers made, Sir *George Byng* immediately weighed, and stood over towards the Enemy's Ships, which stretched away for *Gravelin Pits*, and were so far a-head, that he judged it to no purpose to pursue them, so that he purposed to lie off the North Chanel of *Dunkirk*, to prevent their proceeding to Sea from thence.

When it was Night he came to an Anchor between *Dover* and *Calais*, it being then dead Calm; but before it was Day a very fresh Gale sprung up at E. N. E. which obliged him to continue at an Anchor until the Windward Tide was made, when he got under Sail, but

but it blew so hard, that he could not fetch into the *Downs*, wherefore standing for *Dover Road*, and finding the Sea run very high, and that it was likely the Wind would encreate, he bore away with the Fleet, and for their greater Security came to an Anchor under *Dungeness*.

By a Letter dated the 8th of *March*, at Night, he gave me an Account, for the Information of the Lord High-Admiral, that being in Expectation of somewhat better Weather, though the Wind was still fresh at E. N. E. he was preparing to sail the next Flood, and that, if possible, he should ply to Windward to the North Chanel of *Dunkirk* to watch the Motions of the Enemy; and by another Letter, dated the 9th, at Nine in the Morning, he informed me that four Ships of War of the States-General had joined him, and that he was standing, with a fine Gale at S. by West, along the back of the Sands between *Calais* and *Dunkirk*, where he hoped to discover the *French Ships* in the Afternoon: But upon his coming off of that Port, he had Advice they sailed the 7th at Night, and the Master of a Packet-Boat gave him an Account that the next Night he anchored by them in *Newport Pits*, about which time they made Signals, and shewed many Lights, so that he believed they sailed thence from thence, for continuing at an Anchor until Day-light, he saw no more of them, but passing by *Flemish Road* discovered nine with their Sails loose.

Notice of the sailing of the enemy.

A Council of War being called, they considered the Advice Sir *George Byng* had received from Major-General *Cadogan*, with that from my self by Command of the Prince, and they were of opinion the Enemy were designed for *Scotland*; but since they had no particular Account at what Place in that Kingdom they intended to land, it was unanimously determined to leave Rear-Admiral *Baker*, with his Division, behind them, together with four Ships of War that had just joined the Fleet, that so he might correspond with Major-General *Cadogan* at *Ostend*, and either with the whole Squadron, *English* and *Dutch*, and such other Ships as should join him, convoy the Troops which might be designed for *England* or *Scotland*, or appoint such part of them to do the same as he should judge sufficient, and with the rest to repair atter the Fleet, as, upon considering Circumstances of Affairs, should be thought most adviseable. And it was farther resolved to proceed with the Remainder of the Ships in Pursuit of the Enemy, first to the Road of *Edenburgh*, and from thence according to such Intelligence as should be gained of them:

A Council of War held.

Resolved to proceed to Scotland after the Pretender.

The 13th of *March* in the Morning the *French Fleet* were discovered in the Mouth of the *Firth of Edenburgh*, off of which Place Sir *George Byng* anchored the Night before, and sent a Boat on shore to the Isle of *May*, from whence he had an Account that they came to an Anchor the 12th in the Afternoon; that they had sent one Ship up to *Leith* with a Flag at Main top-mast-head, but that by the time she could get before the Town, they heard Guns fired in the manner of Salutes, which were ours for coming to an Anchor.

The French discovered in the Firth of Edenburgh.

This Ship came down in the Morning, and was within two Leagues of our Squadron, being, as it was judged, of about 60 Guns, but she had then no Flag abroad: Not but that when the Enemy weighed, a Flag was seen at Main-top-mast-head on board one of their Ships, and as they stood from Sir *George Byng*, he made the best of his way after them, with all the Sail he could; but this Advantage they had of him, that all their Ships were clean, and most of ours foul.

The Enemy chased to Buchanness.

He chased them as far Northward as *Buchanness*, and sometimes with reasonable hopes of coming up with them, but having no clean Ships, except the *Dover*, commanded by Captain *Thomas Matthews*, and the *Ludlow Castle* by Captain *Nicholas Haddock*, they were the first which came up with part of the Enemy's Squadron, passing by some of their smaller to reach their bigger Ships, in hopes of stopping them until they could be strengthened. These two Ships engaged two or three of the *French*, one of which was the *Salisbury*, of 50 Guns, formerly taken from us, nor parted they with them until more of ours came up in the Night, but worked in a very handsome manner so as to cut them off from the rest; yet when it was very dark they lost Sight of all but the *Salisbury*, and she falling in amongst the headmost of ours, the *Leopard*, commanded by Captain *Thomas Gordon*, sent his Boat first on board, and took Possession of her, where there were found the Persons hereafter mentioned, *viz.*

The Salisbury taken, with several Officers, &c.

The Marquis *de Levi*, Lieutenant-General, and his *Aid de Camp*.
 The Marquis *de Mens*, Colonel of the Regiment of *Agenois*.
 Monsieur *Faverolles*, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of *Auxerrois*.
 Monsieur *Monteron*, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment of *Luxembourg*.
 Monsieur *du Guay Secqueville*, Captain of the Regiment of *Luxembourg*.
 Monsieur *de Beaufort*, Captain of the Regiment of *Bearn*.
 Monsieur *de Clerval*, Captain of the Regiment of *Bearn*.
 Monsieur *de Blioux*, Captain of the Regiment of *Bearn*, and Adjutant.
 The Sieur *Ouchan*, Lieutenant of the Regiment of *Bearn*.
 The Sieur *d'Engny*, second Lieutenant of the Regiment of *Bearn*.
 Monsieur *de Salmon*, Captain in the Regiment of *Thierache*.

Besides fifteen *Irish* Lieutenants of the Regiment of *O Brian*, formerly Lord *Clare's*.

Five Companies of the Regiment of *Bearn*, and other inferior Officers.

Monsieur *de Segent*, Commissary of War,

The Chevalier *de Nanges*, Captain of the Ship, and several Sea-Officers.

The Lord *Clerimont*, Colonel in the Regiment of *Lee*.

Mr. *Middleton*, Captain in the Regiment of *Nugent*.

The Lord *Griffin*

All that the Admiral could learn from them was, that there were twelve Battalions on board their Squadron, commanded by the Count *de Gace*, a Marshal of *France*, and that the Pretender, the Lord *Middleton*, Lord *Perth*, the *Mac Donells*, Captain *Trevanion*, and several other Officers and Gentlemen, were on board the *Mars*, in which Ship Monsieur *Fourbin*, who commanded the Squadron, was.

What Persons were with the Pretender.

The Morning after this Chase there were but eighteen of the Enemy's Ships seen, and they as far off as they could be discovered from the Mast-head, in the E. N. E. of our Squadron, so that the Admiral having no Prospect of coming up with them, he lay off and on, near *Buchannefs*, all Day the 14th, to gather his Ships together. The next Morning it blew hard North Easterly, which made a great Sea, and he judging the *French* could not seize the Shore to make any Attempt, bore up for *Leith*, which was thought most reasonable, not only to secure, but to give Countenance and Spirit to Her Majesty's faithful Subjects, and discourage those who had, without doubt, a Design to side with the Enemy. There himself, Sir *John Jennings*, and the Lord *Dursley* determined to remain until he could have an Answer to the Letter he wrote to *England*, which he sent by Exprels, unless they had Intelligence, or should have reason to believe the *French* were on the Coast.

Our Squadron returns to Leith.

The 16th a Council of War was held in the Road of *Leith*, when the Wind was coming about to the S. W. and the Flags considering where the *French* might probably attempt to land, or which way our Squadron might proceed, with most Probability of preventing any Design they might have, it was their opinion that if they should go Northward, and the Wind come up strong Westerly, it might hinder their gaining the *Firth of Forth*, and that since the Enemy were probably driven to the Southward of it, (which they thought was of the greatest Importance to secure) and were at first found at Anchor in the said *Firth*, it was reasonable to believe they intended for *Edenburgh*, the Metropolis; so that it was determined to remain in *Leith* Road until there should be Advice of their returning on the Coast, or that an Answer could be received to the Exprels dispatched to the Lord High-Admiral, but that, in the mean while, Scouts should be kept out between the *Firth* and *Aberdeen*, and all possible means used to gain Intelligence from the Shore, in order whereunto the Admiral desired the Earl of *Leven* to send some trusty Persons Northward towards the *Firth of Murray*.

The 23d of *March* he received Orders, dated the 19th, to send two Fourth Rates, and three Fifts with the Prisoners into the River of *Humber*, and the *Downs*, and with the rest of the Squadron to proceed to Sea, and guard the Coast of *Scotland*; whereupon calling a Council of War, it was resolved that as soon as the Prisoners could be removed, the Squadron should proceed off of *Buchannefs*, and that there th Admirals should send on shore for Intelligence of the Enemy, but that if there could not be any Account gained of them by that means, or by his Scouts, he should ply it up again towards the *Firth of Edenburgh*.

Sir George Byng receives Orders to come to the Downs.

Not being able to get any Advice, either by Sea or Land, of the *French* Squadron, and the Provisions in that under his Command growing very short, he received Orders the beginning of *April* to return to the *Downs*, but to leave three Ships to cruize on the Coast of *Scotland*, to prevent Correspondence between disaffected Persons of that Kingdom and *France*. Accordingly he appointed the *Bonadventure*, *Mermaid*, and *Squirrel* for that Service, and arrived in the *Downs* the 16th of *April*, with three Third Rates, thirteen Fourths, (of which the *Salisbury Prize* was one) two Fifths, a Sixth, and a Fireship, having appointed some Frigates to convoy Recruits from *Scotland* to *Holland*.

Remarks.

Thus was the Chevalier *de St. George* (as the *French* have since termed him) prevented in landing in a Kingdom to which he doubtless had strong Invitations from some, who, too much inclined to Novelties, (avoiding a more harsh Expression) disrelished Her Majesty's Government, and who afforded not themselves leisure to consider, that the Measures they were thus blindly taking, would have deprived them of those valuable Rights and Liberties they enjoyed under a Protestant Prince, and infallibly have subjected them, in little time, to a mean and abject Slavery: For it is not to be imagined the *French* King at this time bestirred himself thus purely in favour of the Pretender, but that by introducing into Her Majesty's Realms an ungenerous, as well as an unnatural War, he had hopes of paving himself a way to the Conquest not only of *Scotland*, but of *England* and *Ireland* too, and thereby of fixing a more solid Foundation for his insatiable Ambition.

Troops ready in England on this Occasion.

But that the Monarch of *France* might be convinced we were not asleep while he was making these Preparations for the pretended Service of the Chevalier, there were (besides the Ships appointed to observe his Motions) ten Battalions shipped off from *Bruges*, to be commanded by Lieutenant-General *Withers*, and being conducted by Rear-Admiral *Baker* to *Tinmouth*, they lay there in a constant Readiness to be transported to *Scotland*, or to any other part of Her Majesty's Dominions where the Troops sent from *France* might be put on shore.

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The Pretender returns to France.

When the *French* Squadron had beat to and fro at Sea, until they judged ours were gone off the Coast, they made the best of their way to *Dunkirk*, and on the 25th of *March*, in the Morning, some of our Ships, which were cruising near to that Port, under the Command of Captain *Griffith*, got Sight of them, being fourteen in Number, one with a White Flag at Main-top-mast Head; but they drawing into a Line of Battel when our Ships stood towards them, and being much superior in Strength, ours kept their Wind, so that getting into the Harbour, they landed the Pretender, that so he might be at hand when the *French* King should judge it for his own Advantage to send him on a second Expedition of the like Nature.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Containing an Account of Sir John Leake's Proceedings with the Fleet in the Mediterranean; his landing the Queen of Spain and Troops at Barcelona; the Surrender of Sardinia; as also the taking the Town and Castle of Mahon, while Sir Edward Whitaker was at the Head of a Squadron, with the Troops under the Command of General Stanhope.

HAVING related what of Consequence happened at home, (for to enumerate all things here which happened in the Chanel between single Ships of ours and the Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy, would be too tedious) I come now to the Fleet, which was equipping for Service abroad under the Command of Sir John Leake, who on the 27th of March arrived therewith at Lisbon, having in his way thither seen the Merchant Ships bound to *Virginia*, and the *Cavaries*, with their respective Convoys, well into the Sea, and taken care for the Security of others designed to the Ports in *Portugal*. Here he found the Ships with Caprain Hicks, which were fourteen of the Third Rate, besides small Frigates and Bomb-Vessels, and at a Council of War it was resolved, that as soon as the Transports were ready to receive the Horse on board, the Fleet should proceed to *Vado*, and that such of the Ships of War as could not be got ready by that time, should follow to *Barcelona*, where there would be Orders left how they should farther proceed: But as for the *Dutch* Ships, they were all separated in bad Weather between *England* and *Lisbon*. It was also determined, at the Desire of the King of *Portugal*, to appoint the *Warspight*, *Rupert*, and *Triton* to cruise off of the *Tercera* or *Azores* Islands, for the Security of His Majesty's Fleet expected from *Brazil*; nor was there care wanting to guard the *Streights* Mouth, lest otherwise our Trade should suffer by the Enemy's Cruisers, or Privateers.

Sir John Leake arrives with the Fleet at Lisbon.

The procuring Transport Ships, and putting them into a Condition for receiving the Horse, took up a considerable time, but on the 23d of *April* the Admiral was ready to sail with as many as could carry fifteen hundred, with one Second Rate, twelve Thirds, two Fourths, a Fire-ship, Bomb Vessels, &c. together with twelve Ships of the Line of Battel of States General; and upon Advice from Colonel *Elliot*, Governor of *Gibraltar*, and from other hands, that some *French* Ships of War were seen cruising off of the *Streights* Mouth, one Third, and one Fourth Rate, and another of the *Dutch*, were appointed to strengthen those before ordered to ply up and down in that Station.

The 28th of *April* the Admiral sailed from the River of *Lisbon*, and being off of *Gibraltar* the 4th of *May*, he expected to be joined there

Sir John Leake sails from Lisbon.

The Happy
Return taken
from the
French.

there by the *Burford* and *Nassau*, two Ships of the Third Rate, which he had sent to land the Ambassador from the Emperor of *Morocco*, and after they had so done, to cruise about the *Streights* Mouth; but some Days before he got thither they met with, and engaged, off of *Cape Spartel*, a Ship of 50 Guns, called the *Happy Return*, (which the *French* had some time before taken from us) she being convoy to some Trade bound from *Marseilles* to *West France*. The said Ship they took, but thoiç of the Merchants made their Escape, and the *Burford* and *Nassau* were so disabled, the former in springing her Bowprit, and the latter in her Rigging, that the Admiral found it necessary to send them into Port to refit; but while they were on the Station, they forced a Privateer on shore of 24 Guns, which the *French* burnt, and took another with a Letter of Mart of 30 Guns.

In his Passage up the *Streights* he appointed three Ships of the Third Rate to proceed a-head to *Alicant*, which, after they had landed some Money there for the use of the Army, were to repair to *Barcelona*, that by them the King of *Spain* might have notice the Fleet was advancing up the *Streights*.

When he was about twelve Leagues from *Alicant* he had Sight of several Vessels, which at first he took to be Fishing-boats, till seeing some Guns fired, he made the Signal for chasing, but there being little Wind the remaining part of the Day, and all Night, our Ships could not then come up with any of them. Next Morning he had Advice that the small Vessels, about ninety in all, were *Salties* and *Tartans*, bound with Wheat, Oil, and Barly to *Peniscola*, for the Use of the Enemy's Army, under Convoy of three small Frigates, the biggest of 44 Guns, which by the Assistance of their Oars in a Calm, got away, being likewise favoured by the Duski- nels of the Night; but the small Vessels were not so fortunate, for seventy two of them were taken, most of them by the Ships of the Fleet, which continued the Chase, the rest by *Spanish* Privateers.

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The Admiral arriving at *Barcelona* the 15th of *May*, he there found the *Defiance*, *Northumberland*, *Serlings*, and *Falcon*, the last of which, mounted with 32 Guns, had a little before met with a *French* Frigate of 22, and a hundred and sixty four Men, with which she had a very sharp Dispute, insomuch that Captain *De-laval* was slain, and forty of her Men killed and wounded. Here the Admiral received a Letter from the King of *Spain*, by which his Majesty represented to him the Consequence of guarding that Coast, but more especially of hindering the Enemy from conveying by Sea the Necessaries for their Troops on the side of *Tortosa*, and in the *Lampourdan*, as well as for the Preservation of his own Per- son, should the Enemy have a free Passage by Sea.

Captain De-
laval of the
Falcon
killed.

Several Ships
descried by the
King of Spain
upon the Fleet's
coming to
Barcelona.

His Majesty also desired that seven or more Frigates, with Bomb- Vessels, might remain before *Barcelona*, at his Disposal, and that the rest of the Fleet going to the Coast of *Italy*, might with all possible Speed conduct the Troops designed for his Service from thence, the Enemy being so superior in *Catalonia*, that thole his Majesty then had were not able to make head against them; and it

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was also recommended to him to bring the Queen with him, in case she should be ready to embark by the time the Troops were put on board, for by Her Majesty's not coming to *Barcelona* as soon as was expected, disaffected Persons gave out that the King himself designed to leave *Spain*; however the timely bringing the Troops was what his Majesty chiefly insisted on.

The Reduction of the Island of *Sardinia* his Majesty also recommended to his Consideration, in regard his Army was then in great want of Provisions, which might be furnished from thence, and that he had hopes the People were very much inclined to render Obedience to him, could they be supported in throwing off the Yoke of *Fraunce*.

His Majesty also put him in mind of an Expedition to *Sicily*, which Kingdom he judged might be recovered with the Troops under the Command of Count *Daum*, who only wanted the Assistance of some Ships; but if this did not succeed according to his Majesty's Expectation, yet he judged this good Consequence might attend it, the driving from the *Phare of Messina*, and the adjacent Parts, the Embarcations which the Enemy had there, and the hindering the Passage of Provisions for the Supply of *Naples*.

Thus this young Monarch, almost shut up in the principal City of *Catalonia*, was contriving how he might not only enlarge himself, but be in a Condition to oppose his Enemies; and the Admiral calling a Council of War, where were present, besides himself, Sir *John Norris*, Sir *Edward Whitaker*, Sir *Thomas Hardy*, and three *English* Captains, as also the Baron *Wassenaer*, and two of the *Dutch*, it was determined to leave with the King three Third Rates, one Fourth, and one Fifth of ours, and two Ships of the States-General, and with the rest of the Fleet to proceed forthwith to the Port of *Vado*, in order to the transporting the Horse and Foot from thence to *Barcelona*, as also her Majesty the Queen of *Spain*, if she should be ready.

A Council of War held.

According to this Resolution the Admiral sailed, and arrived in *Vado Bay* the 29th of *May*, but finding above a third part of the Hay and Corn for the Horses was still at *Livorne*, he was constrained to send two Transport Ships with a Convoy for the same; and the Number of Troops designed from *Italy* to *Spain* were near two thousand Horse, and four thousand Foot.

Sir John Leake arrives at Vado.

By one Mr. *Campbell*, who had been Master of a Ship of *Glasgow*, and was released from Imprisonment at *Thoulon*, he had an Account that there were in that Port the Ships following, *viz.* in the *Basin* fifteen of three Decks, and about twenty more from 30 to 50 Guns, but all unmasked; in the Harbour three Frigates armed, of 40 and 32 Guns, two of which were Convoy to the Corn-Vessels taken near *Alicant*, and that all the Ships in the *Basin* were prepared to be sunk upon occasion, but that they could not sink them in above three Foot Water more than they drew; and that the Garrison consisted of about four thousand disciplined Troops, including Marines,

Advice of Ships at Thoulon

The Fleet returns to Barcelona with the Queen of Spain and the King.

The 26th of *June* the Ships of War and Transports joined him which he sent to *Livorne* for Forage, and the other Transport Ships with the Troops arriving soon after, together with the Queen of *Spain*, he reached *Barcelona* the 14th of *July*, fourteen Days after the unfortunate Loss of *Tortosa*. Here he received a Letter from the King, by which his Majesty again recommended to him the Reduction of *Sardinia*, and the clearing the Coasts of *Sicily* from the Enemy's Privateers, that so a Passage might be opened for the Troops in the Kingdom of *Naples* to undertake the designed Expedition against *Sicily*, reserving some Ships and Transports to bring Corn to *Barcelona*, and to be at hand on all occasions which his Majesty might have for them.

A Council of War.

Another.

Resolves to reduce Sardinia.

A Council of War was held the 2d of *July*, when it was, at the earnest Instance of our Merchants, resolved to appoint three Frigates to cruise for some time between *Corsica* and *Livorne*, to protect the Trade in those Parts from the Insults of the Enemy; and upon reading the King's Letter at another Consultation the 21st of the same Month, it was determined to leave four *English* and three *Dutch* Ships on the Coast of *Spain*, with some Transports, and that as soon as our Marine Soldiers came from *Tarragona*, and a Regiment of five hundred Men should be embarked, which were all that could be spared from *Catalonia*, the Fleet should proceed to *Sardinia*, and endeavour to reduce that Island to his Majesty's Obedience, and there to consider what Ships might be spared for clearing the Coasts of *Naples* and *Sicily*.

Spain's Answer.

The first of *August* the Admiral arriving before *Cagliari*, the Metropolis of *Sardinia*, summon'd it, but not receiving a satisfactory Answer, he bombarded the Place all Night, and next Morning, by break of Day, landing Major-General *Wills* with the Marines, and the *Spanish* Regiment, which he designed should be followed by about nine hundred Seamen, they soon after thought it convenient to capitulate; and here he received Letters from the King of *Spain*, and Lieutenant-General *Stanhope**. As his Majesty was pleased to thank him, in a very obliging manner, for the many good Services he had done him, so was the latter preparing all things which could be got in *Catalonia* for the Reduction of *Port Mahon*, and the Island of *Minorca*, designing suddenly to embark for that Port with the Troops, Cannon, Powder, &c. on the Ships left with the King of *Spain*, and the Transports.

Council of Stanhope and the King's Answer to Port Mahon.

The Admiral sailing from *Cagliari* the 18th of *August*, arrived before *Port Mahon* the 25th, but not finding Lieutenant-General *Stanhope*, nor any Troops there, he sent two Ships of the Third Rate to *Majorca*, to hasten the Embarcation of those which were to be furnished from that Island, which returned the first of *September*, with some *Saëtias* loaden with Materials of War for the Army; nor was it more than two Days before the *Milford* and three *Dutch* Ships of War arrived with the Lieutenant-General, being followed by five Third Rates, Convoy to fifteen Transports that had on board them

* See the Earl Stanhope.

the Land Forces, whereupon a Council of War was held of the Sea-Officers, and it was resolv'd that the Ships design'd to return to *Great Britain* should leave behind them, to assist in the Attempt, all the Marine Soldiers above the middle Complement of each of them, and that the Squadron of *English* and *Dutch* design'd to be continued abroad with *Sir Edward Whitaker* should remain at *Port Mabon*, to assist with their Marines and Seamen in the Reduction of that Place, so long as the Lieutenant-General should desire it, regard being had to the Season of the Year, the time their Provisions might last, and the transporting from *Naples* to *Barcelona* four thousand of the Emperor's Troops for the Service of his Catholic Majesty.

It was also resolv'd that the *English* Ships should spare the Forces as much Bread as they could, and both they, and the *Dutch*, all their Cannon-shot, except what might be necessary for their own Defence, and that when every thing should be landed which was necessary for the Siege, the Admiral should proceed to *England* with one Second Rate, and six Thirds of ours, and eight *Dutch* Ships of the Line; but some time after this he sent home two *English* and two *Dutch* Ships of War, with the empty Transports of both Nations, in order to their being discharged.

Having watered the Ships at *Majorca*, he sail'd from thence the 17th of *September*, and being inform'd, when off of *Gibraltar*, that four *French* Men of War from *Cadiz* had taken near *Cape Spartel*, and sent into that Port, some of our Merchant Ships which run without Convoy, he left two Third Rates, one Fourth, and a Fifth, to cruise in that Station, under Command of Captain *Hartnoll*, and arriv'd at *St. Helen's* the 19th of *October*, having met in the Soundings with the Squadron cruising there under the Command of the Lord *Durley*, of whose Proceedings I have already given an Account.

Sir John Leake arrives in England. Sir Edward Whitaker being left abroad.

While the Artillery, and all things necessary were putting on shore for attacking the Castle of *Port Mabon*, *Sir Edward Whitaker* order'd a Ship of 70, and another of 50 Guns to *Port Fornelle*, in order to reduce the Fort there, which they did, after four Hours Dispute, it being a strong Place with 4 Bastions, 12 Guns, and garrison'd by forty *French*, but the least of our Ships was much damaged in her Masts and Yards, and had six Men killed and twelve wounded; and to this Harbour all the Transport Ships, with the Bomb-Vessels, were sent, the Admiral having not had any convenient Place before to secure them in.

The Fort at Port Fornelle reduced.

Some little time after the General sent a Detachment of about a hundred *Spaniards*, with three hundred or more of the *Marquis Pisaro's* Regiment to *Citadella*, the chief Town of the Island, on the West side thereof, and *Sir Edward Whitaker* dispatch'd two Ships of War thither; which Place put them to no great Trouble, for the Garrison immediately surrendering, were made Prisoners of War, being a hundred *French*, and as many *Spaniards*.

Citadella surrendered.

The 17th of *September* our People began to play on the Enemy's Lines on the South side of the Harbour of *Mabon*, from a Battery of 10 Guns, and after about four Hours Dispute, making themselves

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Masters of all their Out-works, lodged under the very Walls of the Castle of St. *Philip*, in which Disputue we lost but six Men, one of whom was Captain *Stanhope* of the *Milford*, as he was going on with his Brother the General.

The Castle of Mahon capitulates.

Next Day the Enemy offering to capitulate, Articles were in a little time agreed on, by which the Garrison were permitted to march out with all the Marks of Honour, carrying six Cannon, and four Mortars; the *French* to be transported to *Toulon*, or the Islands of *Hyerès*, and the *Spaniards* to *Valencia*. There were about five hundred Marines in the Place, commanded by a Brigadier, and almost the same Number of *Spaniards*, and as they had upwards of a hundred Guns mounted, so were there between two and three thousand Barrels of Powder in store, with all things necessary, together with a considerable Quantity of Provisions; but the Wives and Children of the *Spaniards* flying into the Fort, they made almost an equal Number with the Garrison, which probably might occasion their capitulating so soon, for our Army did not consist of above two thousand four hundred Men.

Being thus possessed of this Island, we had thereby the Advantage of a goodly Harbour, which during the War was exceeding useful to us (as it may hereafter be when there shall be occasion to make use of it) in the cleaning and refitting such of our Ships as were employed in the *Mediterranean*; and not only Magazines of Stores were lodged there for that purpose, but such Officers appointed to reside on the Place as were judged requisite.

The Squadron comes to Livorne,

and

a Convoy sent to Naples.

Sir *Edward Whitaker* leaving *Mahon* the 29th of *September*, proceeded with the Squadron to *Livorne*, having appointed a Convoy to General *Stanhope* and the Troops to *Catalonia*. There he received a Letter from Mr. *Chetwynd*, our Minister at *Genoa*, giving an Account that a Body of a thousand Troops were ready at *Final* to embark for the Service of the King of *Spain* in *Catalonia*, and as a Convoy was immediately appointed for them, so was it agreed at a Council of War, that since the Squadron could not suddenly sail to *Naples*, for want of the Provisions and Stores which were getting ready at *Livorne*, the *Defiance*, *York*, and *Terrible* Fire-ship should proceed to *Piombino*, and their Commanders there consider with the chief Officers of the Imperial Troops, what might be most effectually done to secure the *Stato delli Presidi*, (a small Territory on the Coast of *Tuscany*, which with the forelaid *Piombino* on the same Coast, belongs to the Crown of *Spain*) as also towards reducing *Porto Longone* and *Porto Hercole*, on which Service they were ordered to continue eight Days, and then to proceed directly to *Naples*.

Upon a Letter from Cardinal *Grimani*, Vice-Roy of *Naples*, and another from the Marquis *de Prié*, Minister of his Imperial Majesty at the Court of *Rome*, giving an Account of the Commotions of the said Kingdom of *Naples*, from whence Troops could not possibly be spared, at this time, for the Service of the King of *Spain*, and desiring therefore that the Squadron might continue some time in those Parts, and endeavour to intercept the Pope's Gallies, and others expected

expected from *France*, with a considerable Number of Men and Arms, which his Holiness was then in great want of, as also to countenance the Negotiations of the said Marquis de *Prie* at the Court of *Rome*, it was determined at a Council of War, held in *Livorne* Road the 30th of *October* 1708, to remain in those Seas a Month longer, if the Service should require it, and that Ships should be kept cruising in the *Bocca of Piombino*, or thereabouts, to intercept the aforementioned Gallies.

Agreed to appoint some Ships to intercept the Pope's Gallies.

Notwithstanding three of our Ships had been employed off of *Porto Longone*, on the Island of *Elba*, ever since Sir *Edward Whitaker* arrived at *Livorne*, the *German* General had not made any Attempt against it, nor so much as embarked any Troops for that Service; but the Ships obliged the Enemy to retire from *Orbitello*, which they were bombarding, and had taken three Towers, which very much annoyed the Place; during which time four of the Pope's Gallies passing by *Livorne*, the *Tork* and *Firme* pursued them, but there being little Wind, they got away by the help of their Oars.

Some of the Pope's Gallies pursued.

The Imperial Troops were on their March about the middle of *November*, within forty Miles of *Rome*, so that there was hopes of a speedy Accommodation at the Pope's Court; but at this time the Imperialists had nothing so much at heart as the Reduction of *Sicily*, so that it was likely the King of *Spain* would be disappointed of the promised Troops from *Italy* for Service in *Catalonia*; but during Sir *Edward's* stay at *Livorne*, he received a Letter from his Majesty, giving him an Account that the Enemy had not only besieged *Denia* in *Valencia*, but given out that they would, after that, attack *Alicant*, having fifteen Ships of the Line of Battel to favour their Designs; for which reason, and lest they should block up the King in *Catalonia*, his Majesty earnestly pressed him not to pass the *Streights*, as required by Orders left him by Sir *John Leake*, but to remain on the Coasts of *Spain*, for that otherwise he would charge to him all the Misfortunes which might happen to his Affairs. The King also acquainted him that four of the Ships left with his Majesty were failed to *Final*, to bring the Troops from the *Milanese*, and desired that in his return he would call at that Port, and accompany them, for their greater Safety.

The Enemy besiege Denia.

This Letter of the King of *Spain's* was informed by one from General *Stanhope*, who let him know the great Misfortunes which might attend his leaving the Coasts of *Spain* unguarded, since the *French* by returning might prevent all Communication, and thereby expose the Army in *Catalonia* to a total want of Provisions, that Country being so far exhausted as not to be able to furnish sufficient for a Fortnight, so that, in such case, they should be obliged to give up the Country to any who would demand it.

General Stanhope presses the Squadron's remaining in the Streights.

Upon these two pressing Letters it was determined, notwithstanding the late Resolutions taken at a Council of War, that as soon as the Squadron could be furnished with Provisions and Necessaries at *Livorne*, it should immediately proceed and join the Ships at *Va-*

Result of a Council of War.

Enemy from those Parts, but to secure the Country, and his Majesty the King of *Spain* from the imminent Danger which threaten'd them.

The 27th of *November* Sir *Edward Whitaker* got under Sail from *Livorne*, and arriving at *Barcelona*, the King by Letter acquainted him, that according to what had been agreed at a Council of War, held in his Royal Presence, the most considerable Service the Squadron under his Command could do at that Juncture of time, was to return to the Coast of *Italy*, and convoy the Troops designed from thence for *Catalonia*; but withal recommended to him not only the conveying the Transports with Corn from *Majorca*, and their being afterwards sent to *Sardinia* for a farther Supply, and for Horses to mount the Cavalry, but that when he should be on the Coast of *Italy*, he would appoint such Ships as Cardinal *Grimani* might desire, to secure the Passage of the *Phare* of *Messina*, which might conduce to the more speedy Accommodation of Affairs that were negotiating at *Rome*.

The King desires the Squadron may return to the Coast of Italy, &c.

Hereupon it was agreed that the *Dutch* Ships should proceed directly to *Majorca*, and convoy the Transports to *Barcelona*, and from thence to *Cagliari*, as soon as they should be unladen, while the rest of the Squadron made the best of their way to *Livorne*, where arriving, he met with very bad Weather, but had Advice that Matters were accommodated at *Rome*, the Pope having owned *Charles* the Third King of *Spain*; and from the Marquis *de Prié*, that three thousand effective Men should be ready to embark at *Naples* as soon as he arrived there: And here we will leave Sir *Edward Whitaker*, that so we may give some Account of Sir *George Byng*, who was expected from *England* to command abroad.

The Pope owns Charles the Third of Spain.

CHAP. XXIX.

Containing an Account of Sir George Byng's Proceedings while he commanded in the Mediterranean, with the Attempt made to relieve Alicant by the Fleet, and the Troops under the command of General Stanhope.

1708.

Sir George Byng arrives at Lisbon, and goes to Sea to protect the Brasil Fleet.

SIR *George Byng* being Admiral of the Blue, and appointed to carry the Queen of *Portugal* to *Lisbon*, arrived at that Port the 14th of *October*, where being informed that the homeward-bound *Brasil* Fleet had been separated, the Commander in Chief on his sailing from *Babia*, having not given them any Signals, nor so much as appointed a Place of Rendezvous, and several *French* Ships being lately seen about the *Burlings*, on the Coast of *Portugal*, he proceeded with his Squadron thither in quest of the Enemy, and to protect the Trade of that Kingdom, which were straggling on the Coast

Coast, but meeting with bad Weather, was forced to return to *Lisbon* to refit some of the Ships which had received Damage, and to get ready a small Squadron to protect our Trade in and about the *Streights* Mouth from those Ships of the Enemy, which cleaned at *Cadiz*, and had taken several Prizes. With two of them, one of 56, and the other of 60 Guns, one of our Fourth Rates, named the *Winchester*, happened to meet, and being much ruffled, came to *Lisbon* with three more which had been cruising in that Station.

Sir *George* advising with Sir *John Jennings*, who had been with a Squadron some time before at *Lisbon*, appointed three Ships of the Third Rate, which were in the worst Condition for continuing abroad, to convoy home the Transports arrived from the *Mediterranean*, they being joined by four Ships of War of the States-General: And since the *Brazil* Fleet was not arrived, but daily came dropping in, he appointed some Frigates to cruise off of the Mouth of the *Tajo* for their Security, and the 13th of *November* the *Berwick*, of 70 Guns, arrived with the Rear-Admiral of *Portugal*, together with our Ships which were sent to the *Tercera* Islands to look out for the aforesaid *Brazil* Fleet.

A Convoy sent home with the empty Transports.

About the middle of *November* the Admiral received Orders from the Lord High-Admiral to proceed to *Port Mahon*, and winter in the *Mediterranean*, and to leave Sir *John Jennings* at *Lisbon*, with two Ships of the Third Rate, and one of the Fifth, to whom he was to send such other Ships as were over and above the sixteen; which he was to have under his Command; and on the 29th of *November* he received Orders from the Queen to wear the Union-Flag in the *Mediterranean*, the Prince (through whose Hands it should otherwise have gone as Lord High-Admiral) being dead; and by his Letter to my self, dated the 1st of *December*, he gave an Account that the *Portuguese* Ships of War were arrived with the Remainder of the *Brazil* Fleet, except two of their *East-India* Ships which put back, and some few left in that Country.

Sir George Byng ordered to Mahon, and Sir John Jennings to remain at Lisbon.

The 27th of *December* he got under Sail with one First Rate, five Thirds, two Fireships, an Hospital Ship, Storeship, and the *Arrogant* Hulk, leaving Orders with Sir *John Jennings* to appoint the first Ships he should have clean to guard the Mouth of the *Streights*; and having sent two Third Rates, two Fourths, and a Fifth a-head of him to *Alicant*, to assure the Governor of the Castle there of his Assistance, he arrived himself about *Cape Palos* the 3d of *January*, whence standing in for *Alicant*, the Wind came off from the Land so fresh at N. N. W. that he could not fetch the *Bay*, so that he bore away for *Port Mahon*, but when he had got within four Leagues of that Place, which was on the 5th, the Wind came to the North, and N. N. E. blowing extreme hard, with much Snow, and the next Day it was so very tempestuous, that it separated most of the Squadron, forcing him almost as high as *Sardinia*, but, on the 12th he got into *Port Mahon*, where he found most of the Squadron.

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Sir George Byng arrives at Port Mahon.

The *Ipwich* being sent in search of the *Boyn*, she found her with all her Masts gone by the Board, except her Fore-mast. The Ship with

with Ordnance-Stores came safe into Port, but the *Arrogant* being still missing, in which were the principal part of the Naval Stores, Sir *George Byng* sent some Ships to *Majorca*, and others to *Cagliari*, in quest of her, dispatching Orders at the same to Sir *Edward Whitaker*, on the Coast of *Italy*, to join him with the Ships under his Command, in case the Emperor's Troops intended for *Catalonia* were not ready to embark.

Sir Edward Whitaker ordered to join him from Italy.

Being in very great want of Stores, through the Loss of the *Arrogant*, he was put to no small Difficulties in putting the Ships into a Condition for Service, and having but a small Strength with him, he proposed that if the Enemy fitted out a Fleet, Sir *John Jennings* might join him from *Lisbon*, for Sir *Edward Whitaker* was still on the Coast of *Italy*, concerning whom, and the Troops he was to bring from thence, General *Stanhope* came to *Mahon* to consult with Sir *George Byng* the 14th of *February*; but on the 19th of *March* he arrived with the said Land-Forces, which were about three thousand five hundred effective Men.

General Stanhope comes to Mahon.

With these Troops, and the General, he put to Sea with eleven Ships of the Line of Battel, designing, if possible, to relieve the Castle of *Alicant*, having left others at *Port Mahon* to clean and refit, and employed some on Services desired by the King of *Spain*, so that he was not able yet to send any additional Strength to Sir *John Jennings*. The 5th of *April* in the Morning he stood into the Bay of *Alicant*, anchoring against the Batteries and Lines which the Enemy had thrown up along the Coast, and while the Cannon were playing against those Works, the General intended to push on shore, but the Wind coming up South-Easterly, and blowing very strong, occasioned a great Sea, which render'd it impracticable, and some of the Ships being in less than four Fathom Water, nay divers of them in little more than three, the *Northumberland* and *Dunkirk* struck several times, so that they were obliged before it was Night to ply farther out into the Road.

The Works at Alicant cannonaded.

The Weather continuing very bad till the 7th, and it being not known what Extremities the Garrison might be under, and the Enemy increasing considerably in Strength, the General sent a Flag of Truce on shore, with Proposals for surrendering the Castle, which being agreed to, and our Men embarked, the Admiral proceeded with the Troops towards *Barcelona*, having detached some Ships to cruise for the *Turkey* Fleet, others with Transports for Corn to *Barbary*, and the *Suffolk*, *Humber*, and *Ipswich*, which he left to clean at *Port Mahon*, were under Orders to proceed to *Genoa* and *Final*, for transporting the *German* Recruits from those Places to *Catalonia*.

The Castle of Alicant surrendered to the Enemy.

General Stanhope landed at Tarragona.

In his way to *Barcelona* he landed General *Stanhope* with the Troops at *Tarragona*, and returning with the Garrison of the Castle of *Alicant* to *Port Mahon*, joined some other Ships to those he first intended for *Genoa* and *Final*, and sent them thither under Command of Sir *Edward Whitaker*, but directed him first to proceed to *Livorne* for a Supply of Provisions, which was at this time very much wanted. The few Ships he had with him at *Port Mahon* he

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was cleaning as fast as possible, that so they might cruise against the Enemy, who had taken the *Faulcon*, a Ship of 32 Guns, off of Cape de Gates in her Passage to *Lisbon*, from whence he had ordered Sir *John Jennings* to join him with the Ships under his Command, who was off of *Gibraltar* the 21st of *May*, with sixteen Men of War, *English* and *Dutch*, and about forty Transports, loaden with Corn, as also Provisions and Stores for the Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, and arrived at *Port Mahon* the 28th, from whence he guarded the Corn Ships to *Barcelona*, and was joined the 8th of *June* by Sir *George Byng*, with the rest of the *English* and *Dutch* Men of War, and there Sir *Edward Whitaker* arrived with his Squadron from *Italy*, and above two thousand Recruits for the Army in *Catalonia*.

1709.

All the Fleet join at Barcelona.

A Council of War being called, it was determined, that since the King of *Spain*, as the Posture of Affairs then were, could not come to any Resolution relating to the Fleet's assisting in the Reduction of those Parts of *Spain* still in the Possession of the Enemy, to fail to a Station ten Leagues South of Cape *Thoulon*, not only for intercepting their Trade, but to alarm them all that might be; but since it was necessary that a Squadron should be on the Coast of *Portugal*, Sir *John Jennings* was sent thither with one Ship of the Second Rate, four of the Third, five of the Fourth, and three of the Fifth.

Sir John Jennings sent back to Lisbon.

They both failed together from *Barcelona* Road, and Sir *George Byng* arrived before *Thoulon* the 21st of *June*, in which Harbour he saw only eight Ships, which were rigged, and their Sails bent, and one large Man of War on the Caren, the rest being disarmed, which confirmed the Accounts he had before, that they did not intend to come to Sea with a Fleet, but only to guard their Transports for Corn with small Squadrons; so that after cruising there some time longer, he returned to *Barcelona* Road, where he found most of the Ships arrived from the Services whereon he had sent them, and the *Dunkirk* and *Centurion* were come from the Coast of *Barbary*, being obliged to leave twelve Prizes, loaden with Corn, which the former and the *Defiance* had taken, in *Porto Farina*, for want of Men to sail them.

Sir George Byng comes before Thoulon.

He returns to Barcelona.

Upon his Arrival at *Barcelona*, he found the Court of *Spain*, at the Instance of Cardinal *Grimani*, very desirous to have the Reduction of *Sicily* attempted, and was informed by General *Stanhope*, that it was Her Majesty's Pleasure part of the Fleet should assist in the Design upon *Cadiz*; but the *Dutch* Ships having been separated in bad Weather, and ours being too few to answer these, and many other Services the Court proposed, he suspended for some time the coming to any Resolution, being every Day in Expectation of the Ships of the States-General; but at length he formed a Disposition of Her Majesty's Ships, and appointed Sir *Edward Whitaker* for the Service of *Sicily*, while he himself designed to proceed on the other with General *Stanhope*.

Some Thoughts of attempting Sicily, and attacking Cadiz.

The 26th of *July* the Court of *Spain* having notice of the Enemy's penetrating into the *Ampourdan*, with Intention, as was apprehended,

prehended, to besiege *Girone*, and there being a want of Ships to protect the Coast of *Catalonia*, and hinder the Enemy's having Supplies by Sea, as also a Squadron to bring over the Prizes with Corn from *Porto Farina*, which they were in great want of in that Principality, and some Ships to go to *Italy* for Money for subsisting the Troops, the Court seemed to lay aside the Design on *Sicily*, and the Admiral sent five Ships for the aforesaid Vessels with Corn.

The *Dutch* arriving the 27th from *Livorne*, Sir *George Byng* called a Council of War, and laid before them Her Majesty's Orders, together with the Services which the King of *Spain* desired might be performed, and proposed to the Commander in Chief of the Ships of the States General his detaching part of them with him on the Expedition against *Cadiz*, but he excused himself, alledging their Provisions would not last longer than the end of *August*, N. S. yet offered to assist on any Service upon the Coast of *Catalonia* until the 20th Day of that Month. However, it was agreed that Sir *George Byng* should proceed to *Cadiz*, with six *English* Ships of the Line of Battel, and that two other Frigates should follow him when they arrived from *Genoa*, the rest, both *English* and *Dutch*, to be left under the Command of Sir *Edward Whitaker*, to perform such Services as the King of *Spain* might have for them.

The Dutch
not able to as-
sist against
Cadiz.

Prizes taken,
one of them
the *Fame*.

Since the cleaning of the Ships at *Port Mahon*, they took thirty one Prizes, twenty two whereof were loaden with Corn, three from *Turky*, as many from *Marseilles*, and the like Number from *Carthagena*, the *Dutch* having seized on three more. Among our Prizes was the *Fame*, formerly a *Dutch* Privateer, of 24 Guns, which the Admiral bought of the Captors for the Queen, and employed against the Enemy. The *Antelope* and *Worcester* having been cruising up the *Levant*, took three *French* Merchant Ships; and when Sir *Edward Whitaker* appeared with his Squadron off of *Roscs*, he discovered there about forty Embarcations which were employed to transport Provisions to the Enemy's Army in the *Am-pourdan*, thirty of which he took, whereby they were put to no little straits for want of the Supplies they hoped for by Sea.

Several of the
other prizes
taken at the
Porto Farina
Sir George
Byng comes
to Gibraltar.

Arriving at *Gibraltar* he expected to have met there with Rear-Admiral *Baker's* Squadron, and the Troops designed for the Attempt on *Cadiz*, but not gaining any Intelligence of him, or of Sir *John Jennings*, he sent away the *Torbay*, *Colchester*, and *Hawk* Fireship, with Colonel *Du Bourguay* to *Lisbon*, and directed them to remain there for such Intelligence as he might receive, and then to bring him back to the Fleet.

CHAP. XXX.

Containing an Account of Sir Edward Whitaker's Proceedings while he commanded in the Mediterranean, and what was done in those Parts by Vice-Admiral Baker; together with an Account of Admiral Aylmer's Proceedings with the Fleet at home; and of the Expedition to, and Reduction of Port Royal in Nova Scotia.

SIR George Byng being now designed for Great Britain, and it having been determined at a Council of War to leave a Squadron of Ships in the *Streights* under the Command of Sir Edward Whitaker, he gave him Directions the 29th of July, with ten Third Rates, two Fourths, three Fifths, and one Sixth, to use his best Endeavours to protect the Coast of *Catalonia*, in Conjunction with such *Dutch* Ships as should be appointed to join him, and by cruising off of the Coast of *Roses*, or thereabouts, to prevent the carrying to the Enemy any Supplies of Provisions or Ammunition, and so to dispose of the Ships under his Command, from time to time, as that they might intercept their Vessels with Corn from the *Levant*, and the Coast of *Barbary*. And the Design against *Cadiz* being now wholly laid aside, the Admiral appointed the *Essex* and *Firme*, with a Sloop, and two Bomb-Vessels, to proceed to *England* with the empty Transports and other Vessels, to ease the Expence of keeping them unnecessarily in Pay; and the *Horses* with General *Stanhope* were so ill provided with Forage, that he was obliged to send them to the Earl of *Galloway* at *Lisbon*, to prevent their being starved.

1709.

The Design against Cadiz laid aside.

But since it was necessary that the Troops with the aforesaid General, which were short of Provisions, should be seen in Safety to *Barcelona*, the Admiral proceeded with them up the *Streights*, till meeting with a strong *Levant* Wind off of *Cape de Gates*, he was obliged to return to *Gibraltar*, where consulting with the General, he was of opinion, grounded upon the Advice he had from the King of *Spain*, that the Troops should remain at *Gibraltar*, until Vice-Admiral *Baker* arrived from *Ireland*, with those expected from thence, and that then he should protect them to *Barcelona*; so that the Admiral, taking the Opportunity of a Wind, put through the *Streights* the 22d of *September*, and arrived at *Spithead* the 25th of the next Month with one Ship of the First Rate, two of the Third, and two of the Fourth, from whence he sent me an Account, for the Information of the Lord High-Admiral, which he had from a Vessel the Enemy took some time before, and was retaken from them, of the Station where Monsieur *Du Gué Trowine* cruised, and of the Strength of his Squadron, that so our Ships in the *Soundings*, then under the Command of the Lord *Dursey*, might endeavour to attack him, or to intercept the Trade they expected to meet with coming from the *West-Indies*; and of his

Sir George Byng arrives in England.

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Lordship's Proceedings during his cruising there I have already given an Account.

While Sir *George Byng* was at *Port Mahon*, Sir *Edward Whitaker* sailing from *Livorne* towards *Naples* with the Transport Ships, arrived there the 3d of *February*, when bad Weather setting in, they could not begin to embark the Troops till the 1st of *March*; and since General *Stanhope* had (as hath been before related) concerted Matters with Sir *George* for the Operation of the Troops and Ships of War, he sent Orders to Sir *Edward Whitaker* to repair to him to *Port Mahon* with all possible Dispatch, where he arrived the 18th of *March*, from whence he was sent with a Squadron, and some Transports, to *Final* for *German* Troops, designed for Service in *Spain*, and Money for the King from *Genoa*.

Having performed this Service, he was ordered to take under his Command ten Third Rates, three Fourths, two Fifths, and two Sixths of Her Majesty's, and seven *Dutch* Ships of War, and with such of them as were then at *Port Mahon*, leaving Orders for the rest to follow him, to proceed and cruise off of the Coast of *Roses*, *Collivure*, and in the Gulph of *Narbonne*, to prevent the Enemy their having any Supplies of Provisions, or Ammunition by Sea, and to intercept their Shipping, and annoy their Coasts. He was also directed to hold frequent Correspondence with Her Majesty's Ministers at the Courts of *Spain* and *Savoy*, and, at the desire of those Princes, to assist them on Services which a Council of War should judge practicable.

The same Day he received these Orders, which was the 29th of *July* 1709, he sailing with her Majesty's Ships the *Boyne*, and *Suffolk*, of the Third Rate, and seven *Dutch* Ships of War, arrived the 3d of *August* off of the Bay of *Roses*, where he had the good Fortune to intercept thirty small Vessels, employed in carrying Bread and Meal from thence to the *French* Army, which was composed of between twelve and fourteen thousand Men, under Command of the Duke de *Noyelles*, encamped at a Place called *Tervel*, but he could not understand whether or not they were provided with Ammunition and Ordnance for the Siege of *Gironne*.

Off of this Coast he continued until the 16th of *August*, preventing the Enemy's receiving any Supplies by Sea, when receiving a Letter from Sir *George Byng*, and another from General *Stanhope*, by which they represented it was necessary he should make the best of his way to *Barcelona*, to convoy the Transports from thence to *Port Mahon*, as also the Storeships, and Victuallers, and then to proceed with them to *Algier* for Corn for the Army, which they were in great want of, he arrived at *Port Mahon* towards the latter end of *August* from *Barcelona*, but before he left that Place, our Troops had passed the *Segre*, and obliged the Enemy to retire on the other side the *Noguera*. They had also taken *Balaguer*, on the Banks of the River *Segre*, and in it three Battalions, two of them *Switzers*, and the other of *Badajoz*, with a very considerable Magazine of Barley.

Sir Edward Whitaker sent off of the Coast of *Roses*, &c.

Sir Edward Whitaker takes several Vessels with Provisions.

Sir Edward Whitaker comes to *Port Mahon*.

With the Transport Ships he proceeded to *Algier*, whence he returned to *Port Mahon*, and arrived at *Barcelona* with the Supply of Corn the 28th of *September*, from which Port the *Dutch Ships* were gone to *Majorca* for Provisions, but their return being suddenly expected, he left a Letter for their Commandore to follow him to *Port Mahon*, whither with the Consent of the King of *Spain*, he was going to refit the Ships under his Command, but took care to have Cruisers on the *Barbary Coast* to intercept Supplies bound to the *French*.

He proceeds to Algier, thence to Port Mahon, &c.

The victualling Ships expected from *England* not being arrived the 23d of *October*, it was agreed at a Council of War to proceed to *Livorne* for what could be had there, and on the 11th of the next Month he failed accordingly, leaving Rear-Admiral *Somerslyke* at *Port Mahon*, refitting the *Dutch Ships* under his Command. In his Passage he met with extreme bad Weather, and lying off of *Thoulon* eight Days, he took several Barks, in one of which were Letters, giving an Account of the great Straits the Enemy were driven to for want of Corn, and Trade; and now receiving Advice from Vice-Admiral *Baker* that he was arrived at *Port Mahon* with the Victualling Ships from *England*, he returned thither, and on the 1st of *December* it was agreed at a Council of War, upon reading a Letter from the King of *Spain*, to appoint a Convoy, and a Number of Transport Ships in Her Majesty's Pay, to bring Corn for the Army in *Catalonia* from *Tarento* in the Kingdom of *Naples*.

The Squadron goes to Livorne for Provisions.

Vice-Admiral Baker arrives at Port Mahon.

Proceeding to Sea in order to intercept the *French Transports*, he had Advice the 23d of *December*, that the said Vessels, bound to *Thoulon* and *Marseilles*, with six Ships of War, had passed through the *Bocca di Bonifacio* the 25th in the Evening, and that they were got into *St. Tropez*, *Antibes*, and *Villa Franca*; whereupon it was considered whether there might be any probability of attacking them with Success, but it was determined not to be practicable, since they were fortified Places, and that the six *French Men* of War were almost equal to the Strength of ours; besides, there were several Merchant Ships of Force, some of them of between 40 and 50 Guns; so that it was resolved to proceed to *Livorne*, or *Port Mahon*, according as the Winds would permit.

Not practicable to attempt French ships at Antibes, &c.

In the Road of *Livorne* he arrived the beginning of *January*, where he found the *Dutch Rear-Admiral* with all his Ships; and here he received a Letter from Captain *Evans* of the *Defiance*, giving him an Account that on the 8th of *November* he, with the *Centurion*, commanded by Captain *Mihill*, met with two *French Ships* of War of about equal Strength, between *Almeria* and *Malaga*, with which they began to engage about Eight in the Morning, and continued so to do until Twelve at Noon. The Fight was bloody on both sides, for the *Defiance* had twenty five Men killed, and sixty six wounded, nor fared it better with the *Centurion*; besides their Rigging was so disabled, and their Masts and Yards so much gauld, that they were not in a sailing Condition. However, the *French* leaving them about twelve a Clock, they made the best

English and Dutch squadrons join at Livorne

A warm dispute between two English and two French ships

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speed they could after them till towards Evening, the least of the Enemy's Ships having the other in a Tow; but at length they sheltered themselves in the Port of *Malaga*, having, as was generally reported, lost a hundred Men, where they would not suffer those who were wounded to go on shore, lest the real damage they had received should be discover'd.

Sir *Edward Whitaker* arriving at *Port Mahon*, received a Letter from the King of *Spain*, and another from General *Stanhope*, by which he was desired to appoint two *English* Ships of War, and some Transports, to go up the *Archipelago*, and to other Places for Corn, the Army being in so very great want, that if not timely supplied, according to the Contract made by the General with the Merchants, they must of necessity abandon all *Catalonia*; whereupon it was determined, that Vice Admiral *Baker* should with nine Ships of the Line of Battel, one Frigate, and a Fireship, proceed with several Transport Ships into such a Latitude in the *Meridian of Tarento*, as he should judge most proper, and that from thence two *Dutch* Ships of War should convoy those bound to *Tarento*, and then the Vice-Admiral himself with the rest of the Ships accompany the other Transports as far as Cape *St. Angelo*, where he was to leave them to be seen by a Fourth and Fifth Rate as far as *Chio*, *Fochia Nova*, or farther up the *Arches* if thought fit, and when they should be loaden, to conduct them to the Port of *Navarino*, upon the *Morea*, and thence to *Port Mahon*, or *Barcelona*, according as the Winds might be. It was also resolved that when Mr. *Baker* had parted with the said Convoy, he should proceed to *Navarino*, and that when he received Advice there by what time the Transports, with the *Dutch* Ships, might be ready to sail from *Tarento*, he should govern himself either by cruising on the Coast to annoy the Enemy, or proceed directly to that Port, and convoy the Transports to *Port Mahon* or *Barcelona*.

Vice-Admiral Baker appointed to guard Ships for Corn up the Arches, &c.

These Orders being dispatched, and Sir *Edward Whitaker* having received Directions to return to *England*, he left *Port Mahon* the 27th of *March*, and arrived at *Lisbon* the 4th of *April* with three Ships of the Third Rate, where making some stay for our Trade, he sailed the 29th of that Month, and arrived in the Channel, in Company of the *Dutch Portugal* Fleet and their Convoys, the first Day of *June* 1710. But before I enter on the Account of Vice-Admiral *Baker's* Proceedings in the *Mediterranean*, I will give a short Relation of what happened at home this Year; and of the Reduction of *Port Royal* in *Nova Scotia*.

Sir Edward Whitaker returns to England.

The Admiral of the Fleet, *Matthew Aylmer* Esq; being in the *Soundings* with several of Her Majesty's Ships, and a considerable Number of those belonging to the Merchants, with their Convoys outward-bound, he sent them forward on their respective Voyages the 27th of *July*, when he was about sixty eight Leagues S. W. by W. of the *Lizard*, in the Latitude of 48^d and 13^m. The rest of that Day, and the next he lay by, but seeing on the 29th at Noon thirteen Sail in the North-East of him, he ordered the *Kent*, *Assurance*, and *York* to chase a-head, himself following with the rest of the Ships under

Admiral Aylmer in the Soundings.

under his Command, and kept a pressed Sail the whole Night; but the Weather proving very hazey, he could not discover next Morning more than one Merchant Ship a-head, another Ship a great way to Windward, which he found afterwards to be the *Tork*, and three Sail more to Leeward, as far as it was possible to discern them.

The Admiral sending his Boats on board a *French* Merchant Vessel, which had been taken by the *Assurance*, the Master of her acquainted him, that the Ships which he had seen the Day before were fourteen in the Merchants Service, bound for the *Bank of Newfoundland* and *Martinica*, under Convoy of the *Superbe*, a *French* Ship of War of 56 Guns, and the *Concord* of 30, the former whereof, after having seen them into the Sea, was to cruise in the *Soundings*, and the latter to proceed to *Guinea*; that upon discovering our Ships, they separated in the Night, the *Concord* with all the Merchant Ships proceeding on their Voyage, (which were the Ships to Leeward) and that the Ship a-head which our Cruisers were in pursuit of, was the *Superbe*.

Soon after this the *Kent*, commanded by Captain *Robert Johnson*, came up with, and engaged her for the Space of an Hour, when she struck, in which Action the said Captain *Johnson* behaved himself like a gallant Officer, and an experienced Seaman, for as he attack'd this *French* Ship in a very handsom manner, so was she taken by him without any Assistance, although she had a greater Number of Men than the *Kent*. Both of them were very much shatter'd in the Fight, but so good a Sailer was the *Superbe*, that had she not been three Months off of the Ground, she would in all probability have escap'd. This Ship had taken several valuable Prizes from us before, and our Cruisers had often chated her without Success; but becoming thus in our Possession, she was register'd in our Royal Navy, being very beautiful, and not above eighteen Months old.

A *French* Ship, the *Superbe*, taken.

There having been a Project formed about the beginning of this Year, for taking from the *French* Port Royal, on the the Coast of *Nova Scotia*, the several Ships hereafter mentioned were appointed to be employed on that Expedition, viz. the *Dragon*, commanded by Captain *George Martin*, the *Falmouth* by Captain *Walter Rydell*, the *Lowestoff* by Captain *George Gordon*, the *Feversham* by Captain *Robert Paston*, and the *Star* Bomb-Vessel by Captain *Thomas Rochfort*, the two first of them of 50 Guns each, and the other two of 32 and 36; but in regard the *Lowestoffe* and *Feversham* were bound to *New England*, Captain *Martin*, who was appointed to command them all, had Instructions to proceed thither, and join them, as also the *Chester* of 50 Guns, commanded by Captain *Thomas Matthews*. And Colonel *Nicholson* being appointed General by Land for this Expedition, he, with his Servants, were carried to *Boston* from hence, as also a Body of Marine Soldiers, with proper Officers, and a Vessel loaden with Ordnance Stores.

The Project, viz. against Port Royal.

At *Boston* it was to be considered what additional Troops might be proper, or could be added to the Marine Soldiers, by the Governors of the Provinces in those Parts, which was to be determined by a Council of War, to consist of Colonel *Nicholson*, the

Governors

Governors of *New England* and *New Hampshire*, Colonel *Vetch*, the eldest Colonel of the Land Forces raised in those Parts, as also the Major of the Marines, and Captain *Martin* himself, with three others of the Senior Sea-Captains.

And since the Queen, by Her Majesty's Instructions to Colonel *Nicholson*, had been pleased to direct, that when the Quotas of the aforementioned Provinces were ready to embark, it should be consider'd at a Council of War, how it might be most proper to attack, and reduce *Port Royal*, the Lords of the Admiralty enjoined the Commadore of the Squadron carefully to put in Execution what should be so resolv'd, by proceeding with the Ships accordingly, and giving his best Assistance in the landing, and transporting the Troops, and in the taking them on board again when there should be occasion; and, if it should be found necessary, he was to cause the Marine Soldiers belonging to the Ships to be put on shore, in addition to the four hundred carried from hence in the Transports.

When the Place was reduced, or that it should be found that all was done which possibly could be with the Ships and Land-Forces, he was to order the *Chester*, *Lowestoff*, and *Feversham*, to return to their proper Stations at *New England* and *New York*, and himself with the other Ships and the *Star* Bomb-Vessel to repair to *Jamaica*, together with the two Transports, and the Marine Officers and Soldiers, that so the Commander in Chief of the Squadron there might endeavour by them to man the *Kingston* and *Coventry*, with which, and the other Ships under his Command, he was to repair without loss of time to *England*.

Pursuant to these Instructions Captain *Martin* failed on his Voyage, and all things being settled at *New England* for the Attempt of *Port Royal*, he proceeded from *Nantasket* Road the 18th of *September*, with the *Dragon*, *Falmouth*, and *Lowestoffe*, *Feversham*, *Star* Bomb-Vessel, the Province Gally, two Hospital Ships, thirty one Transports, and two thousand Land-Forces, having sent the *Chester* before, to endeavour to intercept any Supplies which the Enemy might attempt to send to *Port Royal*, and on the 24th in the Afternoon he anchored at the Entrance of that Harbour, from whence standing soon after nearer in towards the Fort, between *Goat Island* and the North side of the said Harbour, a Council of War was called, and pursuant to what was agreed, the small Embarcations, and Boats were gotten ready to receive the Men, and put them on shore.

On the 25th, about Six in the Morning, Colonel *Vetch* and Colonel *Reding*, with fifty Men each, together with Mr. *Forbes*, the Engineer, went on shore to view the Ground for landing the Troops, and soon after Colonel *Nicholson* himself was with the Body of the Men landed, the Enemy firing at the Boats in which they were, from their Cannon and Mortars, but with no great Success.

Colonel *Vetch*, with five hundred Men on the North side, so lined the Shore, as that he protected the landing of the Cannon, Ammunition, and Stores; and the Mortar being fixed on board the Bomb-

Bomb-Vessel, the driving up with the Tide of Flood within Cannon-shot of the Fort, both that Day, and the next, bombarded the Enemy therein, which did in a great measure induce them to capitulate sooner than otherwise they would have done, not but that they were very much gauled in the Attempts made on them, and the many Shot from the Artillery on shore; but the 28th, 29th, and 30th the Bomb-Vessel was not able to throw any Shells, by reason of the hard Gales of Wind.

The 1st of *October*, at a Council of War held in the Camp, two Letters which were received from Monsieur *Subercasse*, directed to Colonel *Nicholson*, were taken into Consideration, together with the Answers which he had made thereunto, and the Preliminaries being agreed on, the Governor marching out of the Fort with the Garrison, our Troops took Possession of it soon after, with Drums beating, and Colours flying, where hoisting the Union Flag, they, in Honour of Her Majesty, called the Place *Annapolis Royal*, and a sufficient Number of Men being left therein, the Ships and Troops proceeded to *New England*, as soon as all things necessary were settled; from whence Captain *Martin* departed not long after, in order to his putting in Execution the remaining part of his Instructions for his return to *England*. And now we return to Vice-Admiral *Baker*.

That Officer having conducted the Transports to the several Ports whereto they were bound, and arriving with them loaden at *Barcelona*, got Sight of four Ships off of the *Phare of Messina*, and as many *Saetias*, to which he gave Chase, but could not speak with them that Night. Next Morning, being the 3d of *May*, the *Fame*, commanded by Captain *Masters*, took one of the Ships; the *Suffolk*, Captain *Cleaveland* Commander, another of 56 Guns, called the *Galliard*, though she had no more than 38 mounted, but the other two, being small Gallies, with the *Saetias*, escaped.

Vice-Admiral Baker returns to Barcelona.

Two French Ships taken.

The Vice-Admiral having seen the Transports safe to *Barcelona*, joined Sir *John Norris* at *Tarragona* the 24th of *June*, of whose Proceedings from *England*, in order to his commanding in the *Mediterranean*, before this Junction, and after it, it is necessary in the next Place to give some Account.

Vice-Admiral Baker joins Sir John Norris.

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Containing an Account of Sir John Norris's Proceedings while he commanded in the Mediterranean; with an Attempt made on Gette and Agde on the Coast of Languedoc, and the beating of the Spanish Army near Saragosa.

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Sir John Norris arrives at Port Mahon from England.

SIR John Norris sailed from *Plimouth* the 12th of *January*, and having seen the *Virginia* and *West-India* Trades, with their Convoys, well into the Sea, arrived at *Port Mahon* the 13th of *March*, where joining Sir *Edward Whitaker* and Rear-Admiral *Somerſdyke*, he found that seven of Her Majesty's Ships, and two of the States-General, were gone into the *Arches* with Vice-Admiral *Baker*, to protect the Merchant Ships and Vessels with Corn for Supply of the Army in *Catalonia*, as hath been before related, while others were appointed on various Services; and from hence he sent three *English*, with two *Dutch* Ships to *Barcelona* with the Publick Money, Recruits, &c. and to receive His Majesty's Commands, who had by Letter desired him to come with the whole Fleet to that Port.

A Council of War held.

The 22d of *March* calling a Council of War, it was determined to send home four Ships of the Third Rate, which were in the worst Condition to remain abroad, pursuant to the Orders he had received from the Lords of the Admiralty, as also to detach one Fourth and two Fifth Rates to fetch General *Stanhope*, and the Money for the Army from *Genoa*, so that the Ships which would remain abroad under his Command were at this time disposed of in the manner following, *viz.* two Fifth Rates were order'd to *Lisbon* to clean, and then to join him at *Port Mahon*; one Third Rate, and one of the Fifth were sent by Sir *Edward Whitaker*, before he arrived, to *Oran* in *Barbary*, to convoy from thence Vessels with Corn to *Barcelona*, and another Frigate on the like Errand to *Algier*. Five Third Rates, one Fourth, one Fifth, a Sixth, and a Fireship were with Vice-Admiral *Baker* in and about the *Arches*, which, with two *Dutch* Ships, were to convoy Corn from thence. One Third Rate, and another of the Fourth were by Sir *Edward Whitaker* order'd to cruise in the *Phare* of *Messina*, and one of the Sixth sent by him to *Genoa*. A Fifth Rate was going to *Sardinia*, and a Fourth with two Fifths to *Genoa* for General *Stanhope*, (as is already mentioned) and four Third Rates, two of the Fourth, three Bomb Vessels, and two Hospital Ships were going with Sir *John Norris* himself to *Barcelona*.

The Disposition of the Ships in the Straights.

While he remained at *Port Mahon*, he had an Account that the *Pembroke*, a Ship of 64 Guns, and the *Faulcon* of 32, saw the 29th of *December*, seven Leagues to the Southward of *Nice*, five Sail of Ships, which their Commanders believing to be part of Sir *Edward Whitaker's*

Whitaker's Squadron, they hauled upon a Wind, and stood towards them, but perceiving they had *French Colours*, and that two of them were standing in for *Antibes*, while the other three went away with an easy Sail, our Ships made the Signal appointed by *Sir Edward Whitaker*, which they answered, one of them hoisting *Dutch*, and the other two *English Colours*, and bore down. Our People then judging them to be Ships belonging to the Enemy, the *Pembroke* edged towards the *Faulcon*, and as the *French* advanced nearer, they appeared to be large Ships, so that *Captain Rumsey* of the *Pembroke* made all the Sail he could from them, but they having a fine Gale, and ours but little Wind, the 70 Gun Ship soon came up, and attack'd the *Pembroke*, and in less than half an Hour after the other two, of 60 and 54 Guns, came within Gun-shot, and engaged her also, in which Action *Captain Rumsey* was killed. In the *Pembroke* there were one hundred and forty Men slain and wounded, and since her Mizen-mast was shot by the Board, and all her Rigging torn in pieces, the Officers agreed to surrender. *Captain Constable*, who commanded the *Faulcon*, was wounded by a small Shot in the right Shoulder, but left not his Post; and as she was also very much disabled, so were many of her Men killed and maimed.

The French take the Pembroke and Faulcon from us.

About sixteen Days before this Accident happened, the *Warspight* and *Breda*, each mounted with 70 Guns, the former commanded by *Captain Josias Crow*, and the latter by *Captain Thomas Long*, being about forty Leagues S.W. by W. from *Cape Roxent*, gave chase to a Ship which was discovered at a considerable distance. The *Breda* getting up with her a little after eleven a Clock, had a short, but a very warm Dispute, in which her Commander was slain; but when the *Warspight* came up close under her Quarter, and was ready to lay her on board, she surrendered. This Ship had 54 Guns mounted, was called the *Moor*, and by that Name she was register'd in the List of our Royal Navy.

The 7th of *April* *Sir John Norris* sailed from *Port Mahon*, and the 11th arrived at *Barcelona*, where having assisted at Council with the King of *Spain*, he was informed by his Majesty, that he had Advice the Enemy intended to attempt *Cagliari* with twenty Gallies, five Ships, other small Vessels, and about three thousand five hundred Men, and therefore desired him to do his utmost to frustrate them, or if, instead of *Sardinia*, they should have a Design on *Naples*.

Sir John Norris arrives at Barcelona.

A Council of War was called upon a second Letter from the King of *Spain*, and it was determined to proceed to *Sardinia* with the Vice-Roy, the Count *de Cisuentes*, and to land him, with such others as his Majesty should appoint, at *Cagliari*, but if they found not the Enemy there, to repair to *Vado*, in order to the convoying from thence to *Barcelona* the Imperial Troops ready to embark; and since Vice-Admiral *Baker* was suddenly expected on the Coast of *Catalonia*, it was agreed that Orders should be left for him to act as might be most for the Service of the King of *Spain*, but first to repair to *Port Mahon* to revictual.

A Council of War determine to proceed to Sardinia.

Sir John Norris proceeds from Sardinia to the Coast of Italy.

Having conducted the Vice-Roy to *Sardinia*, where all things were quiet, he returned to the Coast of *Italy*, and was at *Livorne* the 6th of *May*, where he order'd Corn to be bought up for the Troops, and receiving an Account that Monsieur *de L'Aigle*, with his cruising Ships, very much annoyed our Trade, a Squadron was appointed to go in quest of him, but they had no greater Success than the taking a Ship called the *Prince of Frieze*.

Agreed to send a Squadron in quest of some French Ships.

Advice being received from Mr. *Crow*, Consul of *Barcelona*, that eight *French* Ships of War, and their Convoys, were about the latter end of *April* at *Scio*, laden, and ready to sail with Corn to *Thoulon*, a Council of War was held in *Vado* Bay the 24th of *May*, and upon considering the said Letter, and other Intelligence, it was resolv'd that six *English* and four *Dutch* Ships should be sent to cruise off of *Cape Thoulon*, for intercepting the Enemy, and to continue until Sir *John Norris* arrived at *Barcelona*, and then to join him, which they were to do, if they had certain Advice the *French* Ships were gone into the Harbour of *Thoulon*.

Agreed to send some Ships with Troops to Sardinia.

Another Council of War was held three Days after, upon Intelligence that the *French* Ships were sail'd from *Porto Longone*, with two thousand Men, for the Island of *Sardinia*; and the King of *Spain* having desired, that when the Troops should be embarked, they might be conducted thither, it was at this Council of War, and another held the next Day, determin'd, that as soon as three thousand Soldiers were embarked, four *English* Ships and six *Dutch* should proceed with them to the aforesaid Island, and there adjust with the Vice Roy whether the whole, or part of them should be landed, if the Enemy made a Descent on *Sardinia*, otherwise to repair to *Barcelona*. It was also agreed that two Ships of War should convoy four hundred Horse to *Catalonia*, and then cruise along the Coast from *Carthage*na to *Gibraltar*, to protect the Trade; that three of ours and four of the *Dutch* should be stationed off of *Thoulon*, to intercept the Enemy's Convoys with Corn, and that the Senior Captain should take the three Frigates with Captain *Stuart* under his Command, if he met with them in those Parts; but if they found the *French* were harboured at *Thoulon*, they were to join Sir *John Norris* at *Cagliari*, or, if not there, at *Barcelona*. It was farther resolv'd to send Orders to Vice Admiral *Baker*, by the Ships which convoyed the Horse to *Barcelona*, to appoint two of the Ships to join those cruising off of *Thoulon*, or to proceed himself thither with three, if he judg'd it more proper, leaving the rest at *Barcelona*, until Sir *John Norris* himself should arrive there; and two Days after he appointed a Ship of the Third Rate, and another of the Fourth, to cruise to and fro near the *Streights* Mouth, for protecting our Trade.

Ships appointed to several Stations.

A French Ship forced on shore.

Pursuant to these Resolutions Sir *John Norris* sail'd the 1st of *June*, and his Cruisers which were a head of him chasing a *French* Ship, forced her on shore at *Bastia*, the principal City of *Corfica*, where he had Advice that the Duke of *Turvis* was sail'd with his Gallies from that Island, in order to make a Descent on *Sardinia*. In his way thither he crossed the *Bocca di Bonifacio*, and so on to the

Gulph

Gulph of *Terra Nova*, on the North-East side of *Sardinia*, where sending his Boat on shore, he had Intelligence that four of the Enemy's *Saetias* were in that Gulph, which he seized, two of them belonging to *France*, and the other to *Sicily*. The chief Commanders, and the four hundred Troops which were in them, had taken the Town of *Terra Nova*, situate at the Head of a Lake, six Miles farther than the Ships of War could go, whereupon the Troops were landed as soon as it was Day, under Command of General *Brown*, to whom the Town surrendered. They embarked the next Day, as it was resolv'd, for *Cagliari*; but having Advice that the Duke of *Tursis*, who intended to land his Men near *Sassari*, hearing of the Approach of our Ships was sail'd away to the Northward, towards *Adjazzo* in *Corfica*, it was concluded to follow him, and to destroy his Gallies, even though they were under the Cover of the Cannon of any Place in that Island.

Four Saetias seiz'd in the Gulph of Terra Nova.

Terra Nova retaken from the Enemy.

Resolv'd to proceed after the Duke of Tursis's Gallies.

On the 9th of *June* Sir *John Norris* was informed the Duke was gone with his Gallies the Night before from the Gulph of *Adjazzo* towards *Cape Calvi*, about twelve Leagues farther to the Northward, but that his seven *Saetias* were at an Anchor with six hundred Men, and his Ammunition, near *Adjazzo*, upon which it was propos'd to the *Dutch* Flag to attempt them there, but he declined it, since it was a Neutral Port. However Sir *John Norris* let the Governor know that he was in Pursuit of the Enemy, and desired he would not permit them to land, assuring him that if he endeavour'd to hinder his attempting them, by firing on his Ships from the Castle, he should esteem it as an Act of Hostility; but this the Governor promis'd he would not do.

It was now but little Wind, and before he could reach the Port, the Enemy, who were gotten on shore, had betaken themselves to the Mountains, but he seized on their Vessels and Provisions. The Governor sent to Sir *John Norris*, and desired he would not land the Troops, assuring him that the Enemy should not be admitted into any of their Towns, nor be furnish'd with Subsistence; and since the pursuing them would have been very difficult, had our Men been put on shore, it was resolv'd to proceed to *Barcelona*, where he arriv'd the 18th of *June*, and the King of *Spain* desiring that part of the Troops might be landed in *Valencia*, and that the Fleet might be as soon as possible at *Tarragona*, it was resolv'd to proceed thither, and that Vice-Admiral *Baker* should follow.

The Vessels with the Duke of Tursis's Provisions seiz'd.

Sir John Norris arrives at Barcelona.

The 20th he arriv'd at *Tarragona*, and the King having recommended it to him that, after the Troops were landed, an Attempt might be made on *Viveros*, a small Town on the Coast of *Valencia*, and the Magazines which the Enemy had therein, as also that a Convoy might be appointed to three hundred Horses from *Sardinia*, and that then the Fleet might be divided, so as that one part might appear on the Coast of *Valencia*, while the other lay on that of *Roussillon* at the same time, he sail'd from *Tarragona*, and joining Vice Admiral *Baker*, with five Ships of the Third Rate, and a Fireship, he order'd as strong a Detachment as he could spare from the Fleet, together with the Boats, and sent in the small Frigates to

The Fleet comes off of Tarragona

cover their landing near *Vineros*, but there being at that time a swelled Sea, all the Officers were of opinion it was not safe to attempt the putting the Men on shore; besides, the Master of a Ship of *Genoa*, who had the King of *Spain's* Pass, affirmed that the Enemy had not any Magazine there; wherefore it was determined to range a Day or two along the Coast of *Valencia*, to alarm them, and then to proceed to *Barcelona*, where arriving the 30th of *May*, he received a Letter from General *Stanhope*, then at *Tarragona*, letting him know the King had consented the Regiment of Colonel *Stanhope* should be embarked, with three hundred Men from *Port Mabon*, to be employed on a Design in the Gulph of *Lyons*, with a Gentleman sent on purpose from *England* by the Queen's particular Order. This Enterprize was intended on *Cette*, on the Coast of *Languedoc*, and all things being ready, it was determin'd at a Council of War, held the 6th of *July*, to send by Express to his Royal Highness the Duke of *Savoy* an Account of the Design; and sailing from *Barcelana* the 9th, they arrived on the Coast of *Cette* the 13th, where the Troops were put on shore. The next Morning, at break of Day, they marched to the Town, and some Ships were appointed to batter the Fort at the *Mold-Head*, whereupon the Inhabitants betaking themselves to the Church, after a small firing the Town surrender'd, as did the Fort, on which were mounted eighteen Pieces of Cannon. A Detachment of three hundred Men were left to secure the Place, and Major-General *Seiffau*, with the Regiment of *Stanhope*, and above three hundred Marines, marching to the Town of *Agde*, took a Post before it which makes the Isle of *Cette*, and that Night the Town capitulated without any Resistance.

The 15th there was Advice that the Duke of *Roquelaure*, who commanded in the Province of *Languedoc*, designed to make a Descent by Boats over the Lake on the Island of *Cette*, and the Major-General acquainted Sir *John Norris* that he would endeavour to oppose it, desiring the Assistance of the Boats belonging to the Fleet on the Lake, whereupon he, with the *Dutch Flag*, mann'd and arm'd all the Boats the next Morning, and going on the said Lake, prevented the intended Attempt; but our Troops, left to guard the Post of *Agde*, by some Mistake quitted the same, and were coming away in *Saetias*. The Major-General propos'd marching back to regain the Pass, and accordingly it was resolv'd so to do, but being soon after informed that a great Body of Troops were coming down, it was thought proper to embark our Men, part of whom were left in the Fort of *Cette* to cover the Retreat.

The Enemy pursued so hard, that they took our advanced Guard, when the Fort surrendered to them, and as soon as they understood the Major-General was employed in this Enterprize, (who had shewn great Zeal and Bravery, and was a Native of that Country) they not only imprison'd his Family, but expos'd them to very great Hardships.

This Affair ending thus, Sir *John Norris* sailed the 19th, and shewed himself off of *Thoulon* and *Marseilles*, some Days after which he stood into the Road of *Hyerres*, where discovering a Ship,

Flyboat

An Attempt intended on the Town of *Cette*, and the Troops landed there.

The Town and Fort of *Cette* surrender.

Our Troops driven from the Posts they had taken.

Hardships done by the French to the Family of Lieutenant-General *Seiffau*.

Flyboat built, of about 50 Guns, under three Forts upon the Island of *Port Cros*, he ordered some *English* and *Dutch* Frigates, under the Command of Captain *Stepney*, to attack the said Flyboat, and Forts, which, after a considerable Fire, beat the Men out of her, and the lowermost of those Forts; but as our Boats boarded the Ship, she took fire by a Train the Enemy had laid, and blowing up, thirty five of our People were killed and wounded.

An Attempt made on a French Ship at the Isles of Hyeres.

Our Cruisers off of *Thoulon* unluckily mis'd the *French* Convoy, for being in great want of Water they were obliged to seek a Supply, mean while they got into Port. On the 14th of *August* Sir *John Norris* came off of *Mabon*, and arrived in *Barcelona* Road three Days after, where he met with the good News of our Army's having entirely defeated that with the Duke of *Anjou*, near *Saragosa*, which might justly be attributed to the Advice, Conduct, and Bravery of General *Staubope*, who had pressed the King and Marshal *Staremberg* to attack them, and from which he deservedly received Thanks from his Majesty at the Head of the Army.

Sir John Norris comes to Barcelona. The Enemy's Army beaten near Saragosa.

The *Dutch* intending about this time to return home, Sir *John Norris* would have had no more Ships with him, after such a Separation, than nineteen, besides two of 40 Guns; however, at the Desire of the King of *Spain*, he was proceeding on an Enterprize on the Coast of *Valencia*, his Majesty with his Army being within eight Days March of *Madrid*, and the Duke and Duchess of *Anjou* retired to *Valladolid*, but this Design was not put in Execution, the Horse not being ready to embark, and the Provisions in the Ships growing very short, so that it was resolved to proceed to *Port Mabon*, and the *Dutch* Vice-Admiral failed homewards.

The Dutch Vice-Admiral returns home.

The Squadron being cleaned, Sir *John Norris* sailed from *Port Mabon* the 30th of *October*, and proceeding down the *Streights*, he took on the 6th of the next Month three *French* Ships from *Newfoundland*. The 9th he arrived at *Gibraltar*, when by the best Intelligence he could gain, the Enemy had not above five or six Ships cruising without the *Streights*, whereas our Squadron consisted of seven under the Command of Captain *Mighils* *. Sir *John Norris* had no more than nine with him, with which he determined to proceed up the *Mediterranean*, as high as *Port Mabon*, with the *Turky* Convoy and Trade, and there to consider how to protect them farther.

Three French Newfoundland Ships taken.

After having touched in *Almeria* Bay, he arrived the 5th of *December* with the *Turky* Ships at *Mabon*, as did also Captain *Mighils* with those which he had been cruising with without the *Streights* Mouth, and being informed by the Queen of *Spain* that the Enemy intended to attack *Girone*, he resolved to strengthen the *Turky* Convoy as high as the Chanel of *Malta* by five Ships of War, and when he was joined by others which he expected, to proceed to *Barcelona*, and concert Matters with his Catholick Majesty. Accordingly he arrived there the 4th of *January*, and understanding, when assisting at Council, that the Enemy had made a Breach at *Gi-*

Sir John Norris proceeds up the Streights.

The Enemy attack Girone.

* Since a *Flag Officer*.

rone, which in a few Days would be practicable; that the Armies with the Duke de Noielles in Catalonia, and with the Dukes of Anjou and Vendome about Saragosa were either of them superior in Strength to that in Catalonia; and the King desiring that since the Troops were not ready to embark from Italy, the Fleet might proceed to the Coast of Roses to annoy the Enemy, and then return to Barcelona, he failed accordingly, but by a violent Storm, which continued several Days, the Ships were separated, and forced to Port Mabon, most of them being disabled in their Masts and Sails, and the Cables of the Resolution parting in a strong Easterly Wind, which caused a great Sea, she drove on shore on the Coast of Barcelona, where she was lost.

The Fleet separated going to the Coast of Roses.

The Resolution stranded.

There being a Necessity of conveying some Transports with Troops from Italy to Barcelona, the Admiral arrived the 19th of March in the Bay of Vado, and on the 22d following the Severn, Lyon, and Lyme, being Scouts, made the Signal of seeing four Ships, whereupon he ordered the Nassau and Exeter to slip and give them Chace. About Nine in the Morning Guns being heard, like Ships engaging, he made the Signal for the Dartmouth and Winchelsea to chace also, and the Elizabeth, Captain, and Northumberland to slip both Cables, while the rest of the Ships were endeavouring to unmoor, but the Wind coming out of the Sea obliged them to ride fast.

The 27th the Severn and Lyme came into the Road, and Captain Pudner, who commanded the former, gave Sir John Norris an Account, that he had the Day before, with those two Ships, and the Lyon, of 60 Guns, engaged four belonging to France from 60 to 40, and that after two Hours firing, the Enemy seeing others of ours advancing, made what sail away they possibly could, as all but the Severn did after them, which Ship was too much disabled to follow, but they lost sight of them in the Night. The said Ship Severn had twenty three Men killed and wounded, the Lyon forty, Captain Walpole her Commander losing his right Arm by a Cannon Ball, and the Lyme had six Men slain and hurt. The Exeter, commanded by Captain Raymond, came up with one of these Ships of the Enemy's the 23d, and engaged her two Hours, when, being much disabled, he brought to. This Ship was formerly one of ours, named the Pembroke, and used to be mounted with 60 Guns, but at this time she had no more than 50.

An Engagement between some English and French Ships off of Vado.

1711.

At a Council of War held in Vado Road the 28th of March, it was judged advisable to send five Ships to cruise between that and Cape Corso, for six or eight Days, to protect our Trade, and then to return and accompany the Fleet and Troops to Barcelona, which were embarked the 15th of April, and waited only a Wind; and there Sir John Norris received a Letter from Sir John Jennings, advising him that he was arrived in England from Port Mabon, in order to his commanding in the Mediterranean.

Sir John Jennings arrives to command in the Mediterranean.

Sailing with the Transports, and being off of Cape delle Melle, a violent Gale of Wind at S. W. forced both Men of War and Transports,

ports, in all about one hundred and twenty Sail, into the Road of *Araffio*, where with great difficulty Forage was procured for the Hories. There Sir *John Norris* lay Wind bound till the 4th of *May*, when he failed, and arrived at *Barcelona* the 8th; and since the King of *Spain* could not come to any Resolutions about opening the Campaign till the Duke of *Argyle* arrived with Money for the Army, his Majesty desired him to stay there to assist in Council, when his Grace should arrive, and to send the Ships to *Mabon* with Vice-Admiral *Baker*.

Sir John Norris comes to Barcelona.

The Duke of *Argyle* came to *Barcelona* the 18th of *May*, when Sir *John Norris* sent two Frigates to *Genoa* for the Publick Money; and the *French* having declared they would seize all *Genoese* Ships employed in transporting Troops, he dispatched with them to *Port Mabon* one Third Rate, one Fourth, and one Fifth, for their better Security; and coming himself to that Port, he accompanied Captain *Cornwall* with the *Turky* Trade to *Gibraltar* and *Lisbon*, from whence sailing the 15th of *September*, he arrived off of the Isle of *Wight* the 8th of the next Month with four Ships of the Third Rate, seven of the Fourth, three of the Fifth, two Bomb-Vessels, two Storeships, and an Hospital Ship, and from thence held on his Course to the *Downs*.

Duke of Argyle arrives at Barcelona

Sir John Norris arrives in England.

CHAP. XXXII.

Containing an Account of the unsuccessful Expedition against Quebec, with a Squadron under the Command of Sir Hovenden Walker, and a Body of Troops commanded by General Hill.

SIR *John Jennings* being arrived in the *Mediterranean*, as hath been already observed, we will leave him there for some time, until an Account is given of Sir *Hovenden Walker's* Proceedings with a Squadron of Ships, and Land Forces, on an Expedition against *Quebec*, lying far up in the River *Canada*, and of what was done by him after he arrived in *England*, and was sent to command the Ships at *Jamaica*, when we will return to Sir *John Jennings*, and close the War by bringing him home from the *Mediterranean*, after he had transacted several Services in those Parts for the Good of the Princes in Alliance with *Great Britain*.

The Queen's Instructions to Sir *Hovenden Walker*, Rear-Admiral of the White, were dated the 11th Day of *April* 1711, by which he was ordered to take under his Command the *Torbay*, a Ship of 80 Guns, the *Edgar*, *Swiftsure*, and *Monmouth*, of 70, and the *Dunkirk*, *Sunderland*, *Kingston*, and *Mountague*, each of 60 Guns, with two Bomb-Vessels, as also the *Leopard*, and *Saphire*, one of 50,

1711.
Sir Hovenden Walker appointed to proceed with a Squadron to Quebec

50, and the other of 30 Guns, sent before to *North America*.

Instructions to
SirHovenden
Walker.

With all these, except the two last, together with the Storeships and Transports designed on the Expedition, he was, as soon as might be, to rendezvous at *Spithead*, and when Mr. *Hill*, General and Commander in Chief of the Forces, should be embarked, and the Troops on board, he was with the first Opportunity of a Wind to proceed to *Boston* in *New England*, without touching at any Island, Country, or Place, if it could possibly be avoided; and as he was required to appoint proper Signals, and Places for Rendezvous, in case of Separation, so was he to give strict Orders to the Captains of the Ships under his Command, that if they happened to be so separated, they should not inform the Enemy, or any other, on what Design they were going.

In his Passage to *Boston*, the chief Town in *New England*, he was, when himself and the General should judge it most proper, to detach one Ship of War, or more, to convoy directly to *New York* the Transport Ships, on which were loaden Artillery, Stores, Cloaths, and Accoutrements, with other things for the Use of the Forces to be raised there, as well as in the *Ferzyes* and *Pensylvania*, the same to be delivered as the General should direct, and then the Ships of War were to be order'd to return to *Boston*. But if it should not be judged proper to make such a Detachment, the Transports were to be sent to *New York*, under a sufficient Convoy, when he arrived at *Boston*, and the said Convoy to bring thither such Necessaries and Stores as should be provided for the Squadron and Forces.

When he arrived at *New England* he was to take the *Leopard* and *Saphire* under his Command, and consider whether it might be necessary to make any Addition to the Squadron, by the Convoy to the *New England* Mast Ships, or others stationed on the Coast of *America*, which he was empowered to do; and if the General should, upon advising with him, think it practicable to send any Transports, with some of the new raised Troops in *New England*, to garrison *Annapolis Royal*, lately called *Port Royal*, and to bring from thence the Marines left there, or any part of them, or of the Artillery, or Stores of War, he was to appoint a sufficient Convoy, with Directions to them to return forthwith to *New England*.

He was, when at *Boston*, to take under his care all Transport Vessels, Ketches, Hoys, Boats, and other Necessaries provided in *New England*, and as soon as the Forces from hence, and those raised there, should be on board, he was to sail with them all into the River of *St. Lawrence*, up to *Quebeck*, in order to attack that Place, and being arrived, to make a proper Disposition of the Ships for that purpose, as well of such as might be fit to employ before the Town, as others, upon consulting with the General, to pass the Place, and proceed up the River towards the Lake, not only to prevent any Communication with *Quebec*, but to protect the *Canoas* and Boats with the Forces from *New York*; to which end he was empowered to convert some of the small Vessels sent from hence, or

New

New England, into Frigates, suitable to the Navigation of the upper part of the River, and to man and arm them accordingly.

At *New England*, or elsewhere, he was to assist the General with Vessels and Boats proper for landing the Forces, and embarking them again, but more especially upon his Arrival at *Quebec*, or for transporting them from Place to Place.

He was also ordered to send to the General such Marine Soldiers as should be on board the Squadron, when he should demand the same, which he was to have the chief Command of while employed on shore; besides which, he was to aid him with such a Number of Seamen, Gunners, Guns, Ammunition, and other Stores from the Ships, as he should demand for the Land Service, which Seamen were to assist in drawing and mounting the Cannon, or otherwise as should be found necessary.

He was strictly required to lose no time in proceeding to *New England*, and from thence to the River of *St. Lawrence*, nor in putting in Execution the Service at *Quebec*, but that, on his part, all Expedition should be used in the Reduction of the Place, and of the Country of *Canada*, or *New France*, and in the seasonable Return of the Squadron and Transports.

Her Majesty empowered him to direct the Commissary of the Stores to deliver to any Ship or Vessel, whether of War, or otherwise, any Provisions, or Liquors under his Care; and he had Liberty to provide any other Naval Stores for the use of the Squadron; and in case of Success, if it should be found necessary by him and the General to have a Naval Force left in the River of *St. Lawrence*, he was to appoint such part of the Squadron to remain there as might be judged proper, he taking care to make suitable Provision for the Maintenance and Repair of such Ships; and the like Liberty was given as to any of the smaller Vessels, such as Transports, or otherwise, or to make use of any of the Enemy's Ships which might be taken, if proper, to bring into *Europe* such Governors, regular Troops, religious Persons, or others, whom the General by his Instructions was directed to send away from *Canada*, with Commissaries, Stores, and Provisions for their Transportation.

These Services being directed, he was to take on board the General, if he should think fit to return, and such of the Forces as might not be left in *Canada*, and hasten with the Squadron and Transports out of the River; and if the Season of the Year would permit, he was to proceed to, and summon, and attack *Placentia* in *Newfoundland*, in such manner as General *Hill* should direct; which Service being over, he was to order such Ships of War as did not properly belong to the Squadron under his Command, to return to their several Stations, directing the Masters of the Transports which he should have no farther occasion for, to go and seek Freight either upon the Continent of *America*, or in the Islands, to ease the Publick of the farther Charge of them, and for the Benefit of the Trade of *Great Britain*.

Lastly, It was recommended to him, as it was to the General of the Land-Forces, to maintain a constant good Understanding and

Agreement, and on all Occasions to render each other all necessary and requisite Assistance; and if any Difference should arise between them, upon any Construction of Command, or the Nature of Command in the Service, or otherwise howsoever, the Queen was pleased to reserve the Determination of the same to her self, at their return to *Great Britain*, without Prejudice to either of them, in submitting to each other for the Good of Her Majesty's Service. And that he might be sufficiently informed of Her Majesty's Design upon *Canada*, and of the Preparations directed to be made for carrying it on, Copies of the Instructions were sent to him which were dispatched to the Governors of *New York*, the *Massachusetts Bay*, and *New Hampshire*, as also of the additional Instructions to the Governors of *New York*, and of those to *Francis Nicholson Esq;* and the several Governors of the Colonies of *Connecticut*, *Rhode Island*, *Providence Plantations*, and *Pensylvania*.

Observations
on the In-
structions.

These were the Contents of the Queen's Orders to *Sir Hovenden Walker*, prepared without so much as consulting the then Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, either as to the Fitness of the Ships appointed for the Expedition, or the Nature of the Navigation; but, on the contrary, the Design on which they were bound was rather industriously hid from them, as may appear by some Letters to *Sir Hovenden Walker* before he sailed from *Spithead*, by which a certain Person seemed to value himself very much that a Design of this Nature was kept a Secret from the Admiralty; who, had they been consulted, would nor, I am apt to think, have advised the sending Ships of 80 and 70 Guns to *Quebec*, since the Navigation up the River of *St. Lawrence* was generally esteemed to be very dangerous. Nor were their Lordships permitted to know any thing of this Matter, at least not in form, until Advice was received that the *French* were equipping a considerable Squadron at *Brest*, which some of the Ministry were apprehensive might be designed to intercept *Sir Hovenden Walker*; but it was too late to take any proper Measures for preventing it, if the Enemy had really had any such Intentions.

Having thus given a brief Account of what Steps were taken to set forth this Squadron, which, e'er it returned, put the Nation to a very considerable Expence, it remains that we accompany them on the Expedition, and I shall give as particular an Account of their Proceedings as the Papers which I have before me will enable me to do.

Sir Hovenden Walker sails.

Sir Hovenden Walker was under sail with the Ships of War and Transports, off of *Dunose* the 29th of *April* 1711, but coming off of the *Start* the 1st of the next Month, a Westerly Wind obliged him to put in at *Plimouth*. Being the length of the *Deadman* the 4th, he met with the *Kent*, *Essex*, and *Plimouth*, which Ships he took with him some Leagues into the Sea, and then left them to their former Service of cruising in the *Soundings*.

He arrives at
New Eng-
land.

The 24th of *June* he arrived at *Nantasket*, near *Boston* in *New England*, having then with him five Ships of the Third Rate, six of the Fourth, one of the Fifth, and two Bomb Vessels, but not

meeting

meeting with that ready Assistance which was expected from the Government and People of that Country, it was the 30th of July before he failed from thence, and then he was on his way to *Quebeck* with the *British* and *New England* Forces.

The 14th of *August* he got the length of the *Bird-Islands*, which lie about two hundred and fifty Leagues from *Cape Anne*, and having sent the *Chester*, *Leopard*, and *Sapphire* to cruise between *Placentia* and *Cape Breton*, on an Island opposite to *Newfoundland*, expected their joining him in his Passage to *Quebec*, the former of which Ships had taken, and sent into *Boston*, before he failed thence, a Ship of about one hundred and twenty Tuns, with 10 Guns, that had seventy Men on board, whereof thirty were Soldiers for the Garrison of *Quebec*.

Comes to the Bird-Islands.

The *Lowestoff*, *Fewersham*, *Enterprize*, and *Triton's Prize*, all small Frigates, which were stationed at *New York*, and *Virginia*, he ordered to join him off of *Cape Breton*, being empowered by Her Majesty's Orders so to do, if he should find it necessary, and this he the rather did, because of the Use they might be to him in his proceeding up the River to *Quebec*, which Navigation most of the People with whom he had spoken represented to be very dangerous, and therefore he rightly judged the *Humber* and *Devonshire*, which mounted 80 Guns each, too big to be ventured thither, for which reason he sent them home, and shifted his Flag on board the *Edgar*, a Ship of 70 Guns, General *Hill* removing into the *Windsor*, which carry'd ten less; but since he had Information that a Ship of 60 Guns and another of 30, were expected from *France* very suddenly, he ordered the aforelaid Ships *Humber* and *Devonshire* to cruise in the opening of the Bay of *St. Lawrence* until the last of *August*, and then to pursue their Voyage home.

Takes stationed Ships at New York and Virginia with him.

Sends home the Humber and Devonshire.

He had very fair Weather until he got into the aforelaid Bay, when it became changeable, sometimes thick and foggy, and otherwhiles calm, and little Winds, and the Navigation appeared to be intricate, and hazardous. The 18th of *August*, when he was off of *Gaspé Bay*, near the Entrance of the River *Canada*, it blew fresh at N. W. and lest the Transports should be separated, and blown to Leeward, he anchored in that Bay, where staying for an Opportunity to proceed up the River, he burnt a *French* Ship which was fishing, not being able to bring her off.

He arrives in the Bay of St. Lawrence.

Anchors in Gaspe Bay.

The Wind veering Westerly the 20th of *August*, he had hopes of gaining his Passage, but the next Day, after Noon, it proved foggy, and continued so all Night and the Day following, with very little Wind, till the Afternoon, when there was an extreme thick Fog, and it began to blow hard at E. and E. S. E. which rendering it impossible to steer any Course with Safety, having neither sight of Land, nor Soundings, or Anchorage, he, by the Advice of the Pilots then on board him, both *English* and *French*, who were the best in the Fleet, made the Signal for the Ships to bring to with their Heads Southward, at which time it was about Eight at Night, believing that in that Posture they should not come near the North Shore, but rather have driven with the Stream in the Mid-Channel;

Brings to with his Head southward.

*In danger on
the North
Shore among
Rocks and
Islands.
Eight Trans-
port Ships lost.*

but, on the contrary; as they lay with their Heads Southward, and the Winds Easterly, in two Hours time he found himself on the North Shore, among the Rocks and Islands, at least fifteen Leagues farther than the *Log-Line* gave, where the whole Fleet had like to have been lost, the Men of War escaping the danger with the utmost difficulty, but eight Transport Ships were cast away, and almost nine hundred Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen perished.

The *French Pilot* (who, as it was said, had been forty Voyages in this River, and eighteen of them in Command) informed him that when it happens to be so foggy as to prevent the sight of the Land, it is impossible to judge of the Currents, or to steer by any Course, for that he himself had lost two Ships, and been another time cast away upon the North Shore when he judged himself near the South, inasmuch that it was extreme difficult to procure Men in *France* to proceed on so dangerous a Navigation, since almost every Year they suffered Shipwreck.

Observation.

Thus it appeared how much things had been misrepresented in *Great Britain*, by those who pretended to aver that Fleets of Ships might safely proceed up the River to *Quebec*, and it was demonstrable that the People of *Boston* knew not any thing of what they proposed, when Schemes were laid for such an Expedition.

*A Council of
War called.*

*Judge'd im-
practicable to
get up to Que-
bec.*

After this unhappy Disaster, and when Sir *Hovenden Walker* had plied two Days with very fresh Gales between the West and the South, to save what Men, and other things he could, he called a Council of War, and upon enquiring of the Pilots, (who had been forced on board the Ships by the Government of *New England*) and duly examining into every Circumstance, it was judged impracticable for a Fleet to get up to *Quebec*, since there were so many apparent Dangers, and no Pilots qualified to take the Charge; besides, it was the Opinion of them all, both *English* and *French*, that had the Squadron been higher up the River, with the hard Gales they met with, all the Ships would inevitably have been lost. At this Council of War there were, besides the Rear-Admiral, Captain *Joseph Soanes*, Captain *John Mitchel*, Captain *Robert Arris*, Captain *George Walton*, Captain *Henry Gore*, Captain *George Paddon*, Captain *John Cockburn*, and Captain *Augustine Rouse*.

*So Hovenden
Walker re-
turns to Span-
ish Pilot.*

The Consultation being over, the *Sapphire* was sent to *Boston* with an Account of the Misfortune, and the *Mountague* to find out the *Humber* and *Devonshire*, and to stop all Ships bound up to *Quebec*; and the *Leopard* being left with some Sloops and Brigantines, to take any Men from the Shore that might be saved, and to endeavour to weigh some Anchors left behind, he proceeded to *Spanish* River in the Island of *Bretou*, the Rendezvous he had appointed, there to be perfectly informed of the State of the Army and Fleet, and to settle Matters for their farther Proceedings, but all the Ships did not join till the 7th of *September*.

*A Council of
Sea and Land
called.*

The 8th Day, by Consent of the General, he called a Council of War of Sea and Land Officers, where it was considered whether, under their present Circumstances, it was practicable to attempt any thing against *Placentia*, which all of them very much inclined

to; but upon examining into the State of the Provisions on board the Men of War and Transports, it was found there was but ten Weeks at short Allowance in the former, and in the latter much less, so that it was unanimously agreed not any thing of that kind could be undertaken, but that it was necessary the Squadron and Transports should proceed to *Great Britain*, since they had but barely Provisions sufficient for the Voyage, and that there was not any Prospect of a Supply from *New England*, the Season of the Year being too far advanced for navigating safely in those Parts of the World. At this Council of War there were, besides the Sea-Officers of the last, General *Hill*, Colonel *Charles Churchill*, Colonel *William Windresse*, Colonel *Campefelt*, Colonel *Clayton*, Colonel *Kirke*, Colonel *Disney*, Colonel *Kane*, together with Colonel *Vetch*, and Colonel *Walton*, who commanded the Forces raised in *New England*.

Agreed not practicable to attempt Plantia.

Pursuant to what was thus determined in *Spanish River*, he sailed the 16th of *September*, and arrived at *St. Helen's* the 9th of *October*; and thus ended an Expedition so chargeable to the Nation, and from which no Advantage could reasonably be expected, considering how unadvisedly it was set on Foot by those who nursed it up upon false Suggestions, and Representations; besides, it occasioned the drawing from our Army in *Flanders*, under Command of his Grace the Duke of *Mariborough*, at least six thousand Men, where, instead of beating up and down at Sea, they might, under his auspicious Conduct, have done their Country Service. Nay, there may be added to the Misfortunes abroad, an unlucky Accident which happen'd even at their Return on our own Coast; for a Ship of the Squadron, called the *Edgar*, of 70 Guns, had not been many Days at an Anchor at *Spithead*, e'er (by what Cause is unknown) she blew up, and all the Men which were on board her perished.

Sir Hovenden Walker arrives in England.

Observation:

CHAP. XXXIII.

Containing an Account of Sir Hovenden Walker's Proceedings with a Squadron in the West-Indies; with the Attempts made by the French on our Plantations of Antegoa and Montferat, and an Account of a terrible Hurricane at Jamaica.

HAVING already acquainted you that some time after *Sir Hovenden Walker* returned from the before-mentioned unfortunate Expedition, he was sent out with a Squadron to the *West-Indies* to relieve Commadore *Littleton*, it may not be improper in this Place to accompany him from, and to *Great Britain* again, after which I shall treat of what happen'd remarkable in the *Channel*, and last of all

all in the *Mediterranean*, while Sir *John Jennings* commanded Her Majesty's Ships in those Parts.

1712.

Sir *Hovenden Walker* sailing from *St. Helen's* the 28th of *April*, with one Ship of the Third Rate, two of the Fourth, three of the Fifth, and one Sixth, arriv'd off of *Plimouth* the next Day, having in his Company about one hundred Merchant Ships, but the Wind taking him short, he was oblig'd to go into Port; however he sail'd thence next Morning, when the *Southsea Castle*, commanded by Captain *Temple*, chased, and took a Privateer of 14 Guns, and one hundred Men.

He comes to
the Maderas.

On the 4th of *May*, being about fourteen Leagues from *Cape Finisterre*, which bore S. E. by S. he parted with the *Litchfield* and *Southsea-Castle*, and the Trade bound to *Portugal*, and arriving at the *Maderas* the 20th, with the *Monmouth*, *August*, *Centurion*, *Scarborough*, *Roebuck* and *Jolley*, one of which was of the Third Rate, two of the Fourth, two of the Fifth, and the other a Frigate of about 20 Guns, it was determin'd to leave the *Barbadoes* Trade, which he met with here, under the Care of their proper Convoy, the *Woolwich*, *Swallow*, and *Lime*, and to proceed as soon as the Ships had taken in Wine, as usual; but before this could be accomplish'd the *Barbadoes* Convoy was ready, and they all sail'd together the 28th.

Comes to the
Leeward-
Islands.

The 24th of *June* he arriv'd at *Antegoa*, where he was desir'd by the General of the *Leeward Islands* to dispose of the Ships of War in the *West-Indies*, as that they might be ready to succour him, if another Inturrection should happen, which he assur'd him he would do, by sending some Ships from *Jamaica*, upon the first notice from him that there was any Disturbance, and left Orders with Captain *Archibald Hamilton*, who commanded the Ships at *Barbadoes*, to come to the Governor's Assistance at *Antegoa* in case of any mutinous Attempts.

Sir Hovenden
Walker ar-
rives at Ja-
maica.

At that Island he found the *Diamond* and *Experiment*, two Ships of the Fifth Rate, which had taken a considerable Prize, and sailing from thence the 26th of *June*, he arriv'd at *Jamaica* the 6th of the next Month, where he was inform'd that Captain *Mabbot* of the *Mary Gally*, with his Lieutenant, and Master, after having very bravely behaved themselves, were killed on the Coast of *Guinea*, Captain *Ryddell* of the *Falmouth*, and he, having there met with two *French* Ships, which, after a sharp Engagement, got away from them.

Upon Sir *Hovenden Walker's* coming to *Jamaica*, he was inform'd by Comadore *Littleton* how the Ships which had been under his Command were dispos'd of in several cruising Stations, who by Orders from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty was to return to *England* with the *Defiance* and *Salisbury Prize*, together with the Trade, as soon as they should be ready to sail; but some time after he sent him home a Passenger in the former Ship, for the only accompany'd those of the Merchants.

Some Prizes
taken.

The 15th of *July* the *Salisbury* and *Defiance* came in from cruising, and brought with them a Prize which they took out of the Harbour

Harbour of *Santa Martha*, loaden with Bale-Goods, after she had been sunk by a Hole the *French* had made in her bottom; and the same Day the *Salisbury Prize* came to *Jamaica* from cruising on the North side of that Island with a Sloop she had taken, whose Commander gave him an Account that the *Star Bomb-Vessel*, which sailed from *Jamaica* with the *Jersey*, was lost upon the Island of *Heneago*.

The 3d of *August* Captain *Thompson* of the *August* sent in a Vessel which he had taken, and the *Weymouth* and *Tryal Sloop* came in the next Day with a *French Ship* the latter had seized in the Latitude of 28^d, in their return to *Port Royal* from the Bay of *Campêche*, whither they had been sent by Commadore *Littleton* with the Sloops to cut Log Wood. The Prisoners gave an Account that soon after Sir *Hovenden Walker* sailed from *Antegoa*, Monsieur *Cassard* with eight Ships of War, seventeen or eighteen Sloops, and about five thousand Men, had taken that Island and *Monserat*; that they had been at, and plundered *St. Jago*, (one of the *Cape Verde* Islands) and attempted the *Dutch* Settlements at *Surinam*, but were beaten off. But this being the Report only of the *French* Prisoners, it may not be improper to give a more particular Account of it, as related by Captain *Hamilton*, who (as hath been said before) commanded the Ships stationed at *Barbadoes*, and that being done, I shall return to the Squadron with Sir *Hovenden Walker*.

Other Prize brought in.

News of the taking Antegoa and Monserat.

On the 13th of *July* a Vessel arrived at *Barbadoes* from Colonel *Douglas*, Governor of the *Leeward-Islands*, with Advice that a Fleet of *French* Ships and Sloops had attempted to land Men on the Island of *Antegoa*, and next Morning Captain *Constable* of the *Panther* came also thither, who informed Captain *Hamilton* that on the 2d of *July* he had been chased by ten Ships, five of which seemed to be larger than his, which mounted 50 Guns, and four Days after he himself chased a *French Ship*, whose Boat he took up with two Men, by whom he was informed that the Ships he had seen were seven Men of War from *Thoulon*, commanded by Monsieur *Cassard*, from 50 to 76 Guns, and that their Design was to attack the *Leeward Islands*. The same Day another Advice-Boat came in, with an Account that the Enemy had attacked *Monserat*, whereupon the Governor of *Barbadoes* called a Council, and desired the Captains of the Ships of War to assist thereat, which were the *Woolwich*, Captain *Archibald Hamilton*, the *Swallow*, Captain *Drake*, the *Panther*, Captain *Constable*, *Burlington*, Captain *Clarke*, and the *Experiment*, Captain *Matthew Elford*.

A more particular Account of the enemy's attacking Antegoa and Monserat.

As soon as the Ships could possibly be put into a Condition, Captain *Hamilton*, who commanded in Chief, proceeded with them to *Antegoa*, where he arrived the 20th, and next Day the Captains meeting at a Council of War, they resolved to sail early the 22d directly for *Monserat*. In their Passage they met with an Advice-Boat, sent from *Antegoa* some Days before, whose Master said the *French* had plundered *Monserat*, and quitted it the 18th, whereupon our Ships returned to *St. John's* in *Antegoa*, and their Commanders proposed to go after the *French*, and appear off of their Ports, but to that the

Governer

Governor of the *Leeward-Islands* was not consenting, apprehending they might return and make a second Attempt.

The Strength
of the French
Ships with
Monsieur Cas-
sard.

On the 25th *Thomas Richards*, Master of a Vessel belonging to *Exeter*, came to *Antegoa* from *Monserat*, and gave an Account that the *French Ships* were the *Neptune* of 64 Guns, and eight hundred and fifty Men, commanded by Monsieur *Cassard*, the *Temeraire* of 56 Guns, the *Ruby* of 54, the *Parfait*, *Vestale* and *Valeur*, each of 44, the *Medusa* of 36, and the *Prince of Frieze* of 28, all of them doubly mann'd. That he was taken by them the 23d of *April* out of the Road of the Isle of *May*, and that on the 25th they took *St. Jago*, from whence they proceeded to and attempted *Surinam*, but were beaten off. That then they sailed to *Martinica* and *Guadalupe*, where they took in Men, mustering at least three thousand five hundred, and from thence made the best of their way to *Antegoa*, but missing landing there, attack'd *Monserat*, when having Intelligence of our Ships coming to relieve it, they left it in a hurry, and intended for *Martinica*, from which Place three of them were to proceed to the *Havana*; so that after our Ships had staid some Days at *Antegoa*, they returned to their respective Stations.

But on the 21st of *August* in the Evening a Sloop arrived at *Barbadoes*, with a Letter from the Governor of the *Leeward-Islands*, signifying his Apprehensions that the Enemy would again attempt to land on *Antegoa*. Mr. *Lowther*, Governor of *Barbadoes*, acquainted Captain *Hamilton* and Captain *Constable* of this, and they, with the other Commanders, resolv'd to proceed to the Relief of the Island. Accordingly they sailed from *Carlisle Bay* the 25th in the Morning, and arriving the 30th, they were informed by the Governor that the Enemy stood to the N. E. the 17th, with nine Ships and eight Sloops, and that he had sent out two Vessels to discover their Motions.

Here the Ships of War remained till the 4th of *September*, and then getting under sail, they stood away for *Guadalupe*, looking into the Enemy's Harbours there, and at *Martinica*; but finding they were not at those Places, made the best of their way to *Barbadoes*.

News of the
French Squad-
ron, after
they left the
Leeward-
Islands.

The Master of a Sloop which came in, gave them the following Account. That on the 18th of *September*, in the Latitude of 28^d, he was chased by a *French Squadron*, but Night coming on, got clear of them; and that not above three Days after he saw several Ships in the Latitude of 26^d, standing Southward, which he supposed were the same that had chased him; so that the *Panther* being ready to sail with a considerable Number of Merchant Ships from *Barbadoes* to *Great Britain*, Captain *Hamilton* accompanied them into the Latitude of 26^d, with the Ships under his Command, lest the Enemy should endeavour to intercept them in their Passage

Advice in the
Leeward-
Islands of a
Cessation of
Arms.

Returning to *Antegoa*, that there, if possible, he might get Advice of the *French Squadron*, he met with the Queen's Proclamation for a Cessation of Arms; but when he came to *Barbadoes*, and heard that several of our Merchant Ships and Vessels were carried

into *Martinica*, contrary to the Agreement between both Nations, he sent a Ship to demand them of Monsieur *Phelypeaux*, General of the *French* Islands, upon which they were forthwith restored; and there being several *French* Prisoners at *Barbadoes*, which were taken on the Coast of *Guinea*, they were sent to the said General.

Having made this short Digression, I return now to the Squadron at *Jamaica*, where, on the 29th of *August*, there happened a terrible Hurricane, which encreasing from Nine at Night, abated not till near Twelve, doing a very great deal of Mischieif. Most of the Shingles of the Houses were blown away, some of the Roofs were torn off, and a great part of the Walls laid flat with the Ground. The Lightning was very dreadful, seeming like a continued Flame, while the Wind roared like Thunder. The Morning discovered a dismal Scene of Houses ruined, Trees blown up, the Streets of the Town filled with Shingle and Rubbish, the People in great Consternation, condoling one another's Misfortunes, and the West End of the Church with the Walls were entirely ruined; the Governor's House suffered also very much, nor were there many that escaped without considerable Damage.

A terrible Hurricane at Jamaica.

Several People were drowned on the Shore in this Tempest, the Sea forcing the Boats and Canoes a great way into the Land at *Spanish Town*, and washed away the Houses, so that what with the Wind and the Water there were not above two standing, and few or none of the Ships of War but what were either driven on shore, lost their Masts, or were otherwise disabled. The Hospital was blown down to the Ground, and several of the sick People killed; and on the 1st of *September* a Third Rate Ship, the *Monmouth*, which had been on the Coast of *Hispaniola*, came in with Jury Masts, having lost her proper Masts in the Violence of the Weather, and had not her Main mast given way, she must (as her Commander believed) have instantly overlet.

After this not any thing of Moment happen'd till the Proclamations for the Cessation of Arms were brought into those Parts; for to enlarge on the Disputes which frequently happen'd between the Sea and Land-Officers, the unjustifiable Desertion of the Seamen, tempted away by the Commanders and Owners of Privateers, and the intolerable Insolence of those People, would be too tedious to receive Place in these Sheets. Suffice it therefore that I acquaint you, when the Damages were repaired which the Ships received in the Hurricane, Sir *Hovenden Walker*, pursuant to the Orders he received from the Lords of the Admiralty, repaired homewards, and arriv'd off of *Dover* the 26th of *May* 1713.

Proclamation for a Cessation of Arms at Jamaica.

Sir Hovenden Walker returns to England.

C H A P. XXXIV.

Containing an Account of Sir Thomas Hardy's Proceedings off of Dunkirk, and in the Soundings; as also of the delivering up of Dunkirk when Sir John Leake commanded the Fleet.

1711.

LEAVING Affairs in remote Parts for some time, I proceed to give an Account of what was done at home. Sir *Thomas Hardy*, Rear-Admiral of the Blue, being appointed to command a Squadron of Ships to observe the Motions of those of the Enemy at *Dunkirk*, he hoisted his Flag the 2d of *May* on board the *Canterbury*, a Ship of 64 Guns, and having examined the Master of a Prize belonging to the aforesaid Port, he was informed by him that there had failed thence within ten Days eight Privateers, one of 28, one of 26, and one of 10 Guns, and another of 6, the other four open Boats, and that as eight more were fitting out from 30 to 10, so were the Carpenters at work in making the *Grafton*, (a Ship of 70 Guns taken from us) and four others ready for the Sea.

The 21st of *May* he sailed from the *Downs*, and came off of *Dunkirk* with four Fourth Rates, two Fifths, and two of the Sixth, when sending in three of the said Ships to *Flemish Road*, they forced into the Port two Privateers of about 20 Guns each, and a Dogger which carried 8, while the Enemy fired at them from the Platforms at the Peer-heads. He discovered six Ships in the *Basin*, four of which were of about 50 or 60 Guns, and the other two small ones, all unrigg'd; thirty Vessels were in the Peer not ready for the Sea, and he was informed that Captain *Saus* was fitting out a Ship of 50 Guns, with three Privateers of 24, 26, and 28, so as to be ready to sail in fourteen Days.

Having farther Advice the 28th of their Naval Preparations at *Dunkirk*, he took care to keep good looking out with three Ships he had with him, the others being then absent, but three of them came in the 1st of *June* from cruising, having taken eight small Prizes, which were not worth the Charge of condemning; and soon after he received Orders to permit the Subjects of *Prussia* to trade to *France* without Molestation.

The 11th of *May* he had with him in the *Downs* one Ship of the Third Rate, four of the Fourth, one of the Fifth, one Sixth, and a Sloop; and receiving Advice that the *Ruby*, of 50 Guns, formerly taken from us, was coming from *Morlais*, in *Bretagne*, to *Calais*, and *Dunkirk*, with five other laden Ships of about 20 Guns each, he appointed some of his Squadron to cruise for them on the *French Coast*, but they had not the good Fortune to meet with them.

Some small Prizes taken by the Prussians permitted to Trade to France.

The 26th of *June* one of our Ships called the *Advice*, a small Fourth Rate, commanded by *Kenneth Lord Duffus*, was chased near *Yarmouth* by several *French Privateers*, which he engaged a considerable time, and even until his Sails and Rigging were almost torn in pieces, and many of his Men killed and wounded, so that at length he was constrained to yield, after he had himself received eight Wounds. Being carried into *Dunkirk*, the Officers and People of that Place treated him very civilly, but those who belonged to the Privateers stripped both his Lordship and his People of all they had, even their wearing Apparel.

An English Ship called the *Advice* taken.

The 17th of *July* the *Dunwich and Whiteing* Sloop ran one of the *French* coasting Convoys, of about 16 Guns, on shore, and the *Hampshire*, *Cruiser*, and *Discovery* Dogger brought into the *Downs* the 31st five Prizes which they met with off of *Cape Antifer*.

Other Prizes taken.

Sir Thomas Hardy being in *Yarmouth Roads* the 8th of *August*, he received Orders to proceed as far Northward as the Islands of *Orkneys* with the Trade bound to *Russia*, and to send some of the Ships that were with him to the *Downs*, there being Advice that *Monfieur Saus* was gone out from *Dunkirk*; and with these Orders he received others, requiring him to protect all Neutral Ships which might have Goods on board belonging to Her Majesty's Subjects.

Being joined by the *Russia Trade*, he guarded them as far as *Schetland*, and sending them forward from thence with their proper Convoy, he returned to the *Downs*, where receiving Orders to proceed Westward, he arrived at *Plimouth* the 23d of *October*, and being required, towards the latter end of *December*, to look out for *Monfieur Du Casse*, he determined to put to Sea with such four Ships of his Squadron as should be first ready.

Sir Thomas Hardy sees the *Russia Trade* as far as *Schetland*, and then proceeds Westward.

The 6th of *January* the *York* brought into *Plimouth* a Privateer of 28 Guns, and two Days after the *Kinsale*, a Ship of the Fifth Rate, came to that Port, which had met with and engaged a *French Frigate* of 44, an Hour and half, near the Islands of *Jersey* and *Guernsey*, her Masts, Yards, and Rigging being very much disabled.

1713. The *York* takes a *French Privateer*.

On the 8th of *January* *Sir Thomas Hardy* sailing from *Plimouth* with six Ships of War, came off of *Ushant*, when crossing the Bay for *Cape Finisterre*, he cruised between the Latitudes of 43 and 45^d North, and thirty and forty Leagues Westing from the said Cape, spreading every Day, each Ship within View of the other, at least sixteen Leagues. The 3d of *February* he took the *Peter Gally*, of about 120 Tuns, which sailed from *St. Domingo* the 12th of *December*, the Master whereof assured him that *Monfieur Du Casse* was not ready to come from *Martinico*, when a Sloop which he had spoken with before he left *St. Domingo* sailed from thence, but when that was his Memory did not serve him to tell with any Certainty.

Sir Thomas Hardy proceeds into the Soundings.

The 13th of *February* he took a Privateer from *Dunkirk* of 20 Guns, which had been cruising with four more between *Cape Finisterre* and the Rock of *Lisbon*; and on the 21st of *March* the

A Privateer taken.

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Master

Master of a small Prize informed him that Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine* was at *Paris*; that three of his Ships from the *West-Indies* were not arrived, one of 70, one of 60, and another of 54 Guns, and that the *Mars*, which had lost all her Masts, was put into some Port of *Gallicia*.

Advice of
Monsieur Du
Casse at the
Groyne.

Having got four Ships of his Squadron refitted and victualled at *Plimouth*, (to which Port he was obliged to return) he put to Sea with them, and had Intelligence that Monsieur *Du Casse* arrived at the *Groyne* the 7th of *February*, with only one Ship of 60 Guns in his Company, and that as soon as the *Spanish Money* was landed, he was to repair to *Madrid*, but that the Ships following would be ready to sail the 18th, namely, the *St. Michael* of 76 Guns, the 60 Gun Ship before-mentioned, and one of 40, together with the *Mars* of 60 Guns, which was one of Monsieur *Du Gue Trovine's* Squadron, and being disabled, they would take her in a Tow.

Other Intelli-
gence of
Monsieur
Du Casse.

This made him use his utmost Endeavours to get off of *Brest*, in hopes of meeting them, but speaking with the Master of a Vessel on the 23d belonging to *Hamburg*, which came from *Bourdeaux*, he gave an Account that the *S. Michael's* Boat had been on board him some Days before, about thirty Leagues Westward of *Belle Isle*, and he exactly described the other Ships before-mentioned, which, as he said, stood N. E. to go through the *Race of Fontenay*, insomuch that he believed they got into *Brest* the 21st.

A French
Squadron dis-
covered, and
the Griffin
taken.

Sir *Thomas Hardy* had but little Success against the Enemy before the beginning of *August*, when chasing six Ships and a Tartan, one of them hoisted a broad white Pendant at Main-top-mast Head, shortened Sail, and making the Signal for a Line of Battel, tacked, and stood towards him, believing (as it was afterwards owned) that our Ships were Privateers of *Flushing*, with two Prizes; but when they came nearer, and found themselves deceived, they kept their Wind, and made all the Sail they could, as our Ships did after them, every one endeavouring to come up as soon as it was possible. At Five in the Afternoon Sir *Thomas* coming near one of them, which was the *Griffin*, a Ship of the King's, but lent out to the Merchants, of 44 Guns, with two hundred and fifty Men, commanded by the Chevalier *D'Aire*, Knight of the Order of *St. Louis*, she shortened sail, and brought to, when sending some of his Officers on board our Flag, he let him know by them that he was bound with Bale Goods to *La Vera Cruz*, and that before he sailed from *Brest*, he received Letters from *Paris*, assuring him he might in few Days expect the Queen of *Great Britain's* Pass, but that his Friends advised him not to lose an Opportunity of a Wind by staying for it; to which he was answered, that if he had not the Pass on board the Ship was lawful Prize, whereupon he submitted without any Resistance.

Sir *Thomas Hardy* sent his Lieutenant to the Ship nearest him, with Directions to her Commander to assist in taking Possession of the Prize, and not shortening Sail himself, with the rest of the Ships under his Command chased the remainder of the Enemy, who made
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all the fail that poffibly they could, two of them, with the Tartan, keeping their Wind, and the other two going away large. The *Berwick* chafed to Windward, while Sir *Thomas*, in the *Kent*, where he bore his Flag, and the *Windsor*, flood after the other two; but as the Wind dullered, and was fometimes quite calm, the *Windsor* now lay acrofs him, and then had a Gale of Wind when he had none at all. However the faid Ship *Windsor*, about Eleven at Night, came within random Shot of the *St. Esprit*, of 36 Guns, and one hundred and feventy five Men, bound with Bale-Goods to *Cadiz*, and after they had engaged near an Hour, ſhe blew up, juſt at the time when, as her Commander ſaid, he was going to ſtrike, but he, with thirty of her Men, were ſaved by our Boats.

A French Ship blown up.

The *Berwick* took the *Adventure of Havre de Grace*, carrying 12 Guns, and forty Men, bound to *Newfoundland*, but her Maſter producing the Queen's Paſs, ſhe was permitted to proceed on her Voyage. The ſaid Ship took alſo the *L'Incomparable*, of 16 Guns, deſigned for *Martinica*; but the other of 8 Guns, and the Tartans made their Eſcape; however the *Ruby* was towed by her Boats to the Ship of 12 Guns, which ſhe took, being alſo called the *Ruby*, and was bound to *St. Domingo*.

A French Ship taken by the *Berwick*.

The before-mentioned Ship *Griffin* being brought into Port, and the Perſons concerned in her ſoliciting a conſiderable time very earneſtly for her Releaſe, as Sir *Thomas Hardy* did for her Condemnation, that ſo ſhe might, with her Loading, be divided between himſelf and the Captors, they were at length conſtrained to quit their Pretenſions for a Sum of Money which was very ſhort of her real Value.

Sir *John Leake*, as Admiral of the Fleet, commanding in the Chanel in the Year 1711, little or nothing remarkable happen'd; for ſince the Deſeat given the *French* the preceding War off of Cape *Barſleur* by the Earl of *Orford*, and the Deſtruction of ſo many of their capital Ships then forced on ſhore at *La Hogue* and *Cherbourg*, and the Wounds they otherwiſe received in their Naval Force, they did not think it adviſeable to come forth with any conſiderable Numbers in theſe Seas, but have either divided them into ſmall Squadrons, or the *French* King hath contented himſelf in lending his Royal Ships to Merchants, to ſerve as Privateers, or on trading Voyages, in either of which Caſes he hath had a Proportion of the Profit; or if any Number of his Ships hath been ſet forth together in a warlike manner, they were chiefly employed to annoy our foreign Iſlands and Plantations, and the Trade in thoſe Parts; for never after the Deſeat before-mention'd would they encounter us with a Fleet, unleſs it was when Sir *George Rooke* engaged them off of *Malaga*, of which I have given an Account in its proper Place.

1711.

The next Year Sir *John Leake* received a Commiſſion from the Lords of the Admiralty to command again in the Chanel, and it was upon occaſion of *Dunkirk's* being to be delivered up to ſome of the Troops of *Great Britain*, under the Conduct of Lieutenant-General *Hill*, which having ſeen effected, he returned to the *Downs*, leaving the Troops in that Garrifon to take care that what remained

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Dunkirk delivered up to the Engliſh Troops.

to be performed was put in Execution, namely, its Demolition after the Peace should take place.

We will therefore thus end our Naval Affairs at home, and conclude the whole of this Work with Vice-Admiral *Baker's* Proceedings while he commanded a Squadron on the Coast of *Portugal*, and then of what happen'd remarkable during Sir *John Jennings's* being at the head of our Ships of War in the *Mediterranean*.

C H A P. XXXV.

Containing an Account of Vice-Admiral Baker's Proceedings while he commanded a Squadron on the Coast of Portugal.

1742

Vice-Admiral *Baker* being on the Coast of *Portugal* in *January*, with five Ships of the Third Rate, one of the Fourth, and two of the Fifth, pursuant to a Treaty of Alliance between Her Majesty and that Crown, for protecting not only the Coast, but the *Portuguese* Trade, it was on the 4th of *February* determined at a Council of War, upon considering Orders which he had received from the Lords of the Admiralty, to proceed with all the Ships under his Command as a Guard to the Storeships, Victuallers, and Transports, bound to *Port Mahon* for Supply of the Fleet, off of *Cape Spartell*, or into the *Streights* Mouth, and thence to send two Men of War with them to *Gibraltar*, and that then the rest of the Squadron should cruise either in sight of the said Cape, or that of *St. Mary's*, or between both, for intercepting the Enemy's homeward bound Ships, there being a Report that Monsieur *Du Casse* (whom we have lately had occasion to mention) was expected in some Parts in *France* with the *Spanish* Galleons; but that however the Squadron should return, so as to be at *Lisbon* by the 1st of *March*, O. S.

Vice-Admiral
Baker proceeds
to cruise from
Lisbon.

Pursuant to this Resolution the Vice-Admiral sailed the 8th of *February*, and on the 25th was informed by two *Dutch* Runners, which came in six Weeks from the Island of *St. Thomas*, that two Days before they came away they had an Account Monsieur *Du Casse* was sailed from *Martinico* with his Squadron, and about fourteen Merchant Ships. On the 16th of *February*, e'er he received this Advice, he chased a Ship about twelve or thirteen Leagues from *Cape St. Mary's*, which ran on shore and sunk on a Bank, as they afterwards found, when the Weather would permit them to look nearer in towards the Land, and the *Portuguese* having taken Possession, rifled her all they could, her Loading being Sugar, Cocoa, Snuff, and Hides, and (as it was reported) she had Plate on board to the value of twenty thousand Dollars. This was a Ship of 60 Guns,

Guns, termed a *Patache* to the Galleons; and as she was forced on shore by ours, the Vice Admiral, by a Memorial to the King of *Portugal*, demanded the Effects belonging to her; but the same being privately secured in various Hands, he could not have any Redrels.

Seeing some other strange Ships the 22d in the Morning, he came up with them close under the *Barbary* Shore, and one of them, loaden with Salt, some Wool, and Cochinele for *Martinica*, was taken, the other escaped. The Prize had 26 Guns, but her People threw eleven of them overboard, who confirmed the aforementioned Report about Monsieur *Du Cassé's* Squadron, with this Addition, that he sailing from *Martinica*, lost Company with his Convoys in ten Days time, so that they doubted not but he was arrived in *France*, or some other Port in *Biscay*.

A French Ship taken.

The Vice-Admiral arriving at *Lisbon* the 8th of *March*, received Orders from *England* to cruise with five Ships of War for the Security of the homeward bound *Brazil* Fleet, on which Service the Court of *Portugal* desired he might be ready to sail the 20th of *April*, N. S. as also that two Frigates might be appointed to see their outward bound *East-India* Trade to the *Maderas*; and at the same time he was under Orders from the Lords of the Admiralty to detach two Ships to cruise in the *Streights* Mouth, so that in this case he could have no more than three with his Flag, but had hopes the *Dutch* Commander in Chief would take care of the *India* Men.

Vice-Admiral Baker ordered to cruise for the homeward bound Brazil Fleet.

The Convoy with Stores and Provisions from *England* arrived the 1st of *April*, and since the *Dutch* disappointed him in convoying the *Portuguese East-India* Ships, he determined to send a Fourth Rate Frigate with them to the Western Islands, which Ship might join him in the Station where he designed to place himself for the *Brazil* Fleet; and as for guarding the *Streights* Mouth, he had determined to order Captain *Maurice* to cruise there with a small Squadron.

The 6th of *May* the Vice-Admiral arrived in the Road of *Faval*, and was then going to cruise with Five Third Rates, together with the *Pembroke*, between ten and twelve Leagues West of the *Tercera* Islands, for the aforementioned Ships from *Brazil*, having taken a Ship of 22 Guns of Monsieur *Cassard's* Squadron, bound to *Canada* with Wine and Brandy, which Ship left him the 20th of *April*, N. S. without the *Streights* Mouth, standing Westward, but her Commander did not certainly know whither he was bound. He said there were with him fifteen hundred Soldiers, forty flat bottomed Boats ready framed, with scaling Ladders, and all things proper for a Descent, and that his Squadron consisted of one Ship of 76 Guns, one of 60, one of 54, two of 44, one of 42, one of 24, and a Ketch, which agrees with the Account I have already given of him when he came to, and attempted our *Leeward* Islands.

The Admiral Baker takes a Ship of Monsieur Cassard's Squadron.

On the 9th of *July* Vice Admiral *Baker* was informed by some Prisoners, that the Squadron was first designed for the *Canaries* to take in Wine, or to force some Provisions at *St. Jago*, (which, as hath

hath been already said, he plundered) and that then Monsieur *Casfard* was to proceed to *Bahia*, so that possibly he might arrive there before the *Brasil* Fleet failed, unless they came away by the end of *May*; but he had hopes, from Intelligence he had received, that they might have reached that Place by the 18th of that Month, N. S. because they were under sail from *Rio de Janeiro* the 30th of *April*.

The Provisions of the Ships under his Command being reduced to five Weeks, at short Allowance, it was almost time for him to think of drawing towards *Portugal*; however, being apprehensive that if the *Brasil* Fleet were failed before the *French* Squadron arrived, they would follow them to the *Terceras*, where they were obliged to call, he determined to remain in his Station as long as it was possible, and in order thereunto prevailed with the *Portuguese* to furnish him with fresh Provisions for three Weeks.

Advice of the
Brasil Fleet.

Off of the Islands of *Tercera* he continued cruising until the 11th of *September*, when meeting a *Portuguese* Frigate, her Commander informed him that he left the Fleet three Days before, twenty Leagues from *Corvo*, and that he believed they would be that Day at *Angra*, the chief Town of the Island *Tercera*. Soon after he had this Advice, a violent Storm arose, which very much shattered the Ships, and drove him so far away that he could not fetch the Island again; and judging that it must also have the same Effect on the *Brasil* Fleet, he made an easy Sail towards *Lisbon*, in order to pick up such as should be straggling from their Convoys, but had no Sight, or Intelligence of them, till he came off of the Rock, when he found they arrived the very Day before he made the Land; and since the Cessation of Arms soon after happened, the Squadron of Ships under his Command was called home, and the Expence of the Naval Officers at *Lisbon* retrenched.

A violent
Storm shatters
the Squadron.

The Brasil Fleet
arrive, and
Vice-Admiral
Baker called
home.

CHAP. XXXVI.

Containing an Account of Sir John Jennings's Proceedings, while he commanded in the Mediterranean, till the Cessation of Arms. His carrying the Emperor from Barcelona to Vado, and the Empress to Genoa. The People of Barcelona declare War against King Philip, and after they are constrained to submit, are inhumanly treated. His carrying the Duke and Duchess of Savoy to their Kingdom of Sicily. A Comparison between our Naval Loss and that of the French during this War.

IN the last Place we come to the Admiral of the White, Sir *John Jennings*, who was appointed to command the Fleet in the *Mediterranean*, and, besides the Instructions he received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, he had Orders, in pursuance of the Queen's Pleasure signified to them, to follow such Commands as he might receive from Her Majesty; for whenever there is a Lord High-Admiral, or Commissioners for executing that Office constituted, the Prince investing the executive part of Naval Affairs in that Commission, frequently gives Orders to them to direct the Admiral of the Fleet, or the Commanders of particular Squadrons, to follow such Instructions as he may think necessary to give them.

Sir *John Jennings* sailed from *St. Helen's* the 7th of *January*, and arrived at *Lisbon* the 23d, where he waited the coming of the Ships of the States-General, and others with Transports from *Ireland*; but they not timely joining him, it was determined at a Council of War, held the 6th of *February*, to remain some few Days longer, and then to proceed to *Gibraltar* with such Transports as should be with him, and the Troops, and from thence to *Barcelona*, leaving Orders for the rest to follow, since the King of *Spain's* Affairs were then very pressing.

1701.
Sir John Jennings proceeds to Lisbon, and strengthens.

On the 20th of *March* he arriving at *Barcelona*, found Sir *John Norris*, with the Ships under his Command, was gone to *Vado*, to guard the Troops from thence to *Catalonia*, so that leaving Orders for him to repair to *Port Mahon*, he, at the Instance of the King of *Spain*, appointed a Convoy to several Transports with Troops, which his Majesty desired might be landed at *Tarragona*, or at *Salo Bay*.

He arrives at Barcelona

In *April* he received Orders from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to detain Sir *John Norris* with him in the *Mediterranean*, until he should receive farther Instructions concerning him, and he appointed some Ships, under the Command of Captain *Jewanton**, to join the *Turky* Convoy at the appointed Rendezvous, and accom-

Sir John Jennings ordered to keep Sir John Norris with him, to strengthen the Turkey Convoy, &c.

* Since Comptroller of the Navy

pany them in their homeward bound Voyage well out of the *Streights*; besides which he strengthened the Convoy with Troops and Corn from *Sardinia*, the King of *Spain* informing him that there had been lately seen off of *Barcelona* five large Ships, with the Colours usually born by those belonging to the Government of *Algier*.

Sir John Norris comes to Barcelona, and Vice-Admiral Baker to Port Mahon.

Sir *John Norris* arrived at *Barcelona* with the Troops from *Vado* the 8th of *May*, and on the 19th of that Month Vice-Admiral *Baker* joined Sir *John Jennings* at *Port Mahon* with greatest part of the Squadron, Sir *John Norris* himself continuing in *Barcelona* Road, at the Desire of the King of *Spain*, with the *Boyn*, and some other Ships, as hath been before observed, where Sir *John Jennings* arrived the 1st of *June*, from whence he proceeded to cruise off of *Thoulon*, and the Coast of *Province*, to intercept the Enemy's Convoy with Corn from the *Levant*, and sent three Ships to *Genoa* to strengthen the like Number which were coming from that Place with Money for the Troops in *Catalonia*, then almost in a starving Condition, having no other Credit than what the Duke of *Argyle* procured for them.

Sir John Jennings proceeds off of Thoulon.

The Admiral ordered to carry the King of Spain to Genoa, upon the Death of the Emperor.

The Emperor *Joseph* being lately dead, the Admiral received Orders the beginning of *June*, while off of *Thoulon*, to carry the King of *Spain* to *Genoa*, or where else his Majesty should desire, in case he thought fit to go to his Hereditary Countries, as also to give *Naples* what Assistance he could, upon any Commotions which might happen at this Juncture of Affairs; whereupon it was determined at a Council of War to send two Ships of the Third Rate, one of the Fourth, and another of the Fifth, with two of the States-General's Ships, to the aforesaid Kingdom of *Naples*, as also to assist in case any Attempts should be made on the Garrisons of *Orbitello*, or *Piombino*, and to add another Frigate to that which was going with Dispatches to the King of *Spain*, and the Duke of *Argyle*.

Some Ships sent to Naples.

The King was not inclinable to go to *Italy* until he received an Account that he was declared Emperor, nor was he willing that the Body of the Fleet should be out of Sight of his Capital in *Catalonia*; and now the Admiral having received farther Orders relating to Sir *John Norris*, it was determined to send him to *Great Britain* with three Ships of the Third Rate, as many of the Fourth, and two Fifth Rate Frigates, with the empty Storeships, Victuallers, and Transports: And there being a Necessity for Sir *John Jennings* to proceed with the Ships under his Command to *Port Mahon*, not only to refit them, but for a Supply of Provisions, he sailed from *Barcelona* the 13th of *July*, and arrived there the 18th.

Sir John Norris ordered home, and Sir John Jennings repairs to Mahon.

Next Day the *Turky* Fleet appearing off of that Port, he gave Captain *Cornwall*, Commandore of that Convoy, Orders to proceed to *Majorca*, the Place of Rendezvous for the Storeships, and other Vessels bound home, from whence he sailed in Company of Sir *John Norris* the 26th of *July*, and Sir *John Jennings* himself proceeded to *Barcelona*. The Ships ordered for *Great Britain* being thus separated from the Fleet, it may not be improper to inform you how those which remained in the *Mediterranean* were at this time disposed of, which was as follows, *viz.*

The *Turky* Trade sent home with Sir John Norris.

At *Barcelona* there were with Sir *John Jennings* one Second Rate, five Thirds, one Fourth, and seven Dutch, under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Peiterfen*. There were cleaning at *Port Mahon* one Fourth and two Fifth Rates; and two of the Third Rate, with one of the Fifth, were gone to *Port Mahon* for Money, and to protect the *Genoese* Ships employed in the King of *Spain's* Service. Two Fourth Rates were ordered to *Genoa*, and there were expected from *Naples* two Ships of the Third, one of the Fourth, and one Fifth of ours, with three Dutch Frigates; besides which there were gone to *Lisbon* one Third Rate, one Fourth, and another of the Fifth.

How those which remain'd abroad were disposed of.

The King of *Spain* embarking the 16th of *September*, arrived in *Vado Bay* in ten Days, being attended by the Admiral, and twenty four Ships of War, and sailing thence, was soon after landed at *San Pietro di Arenia*, a Suburb of *Genoa*; but to guard the Coast of *Catalonia* in the Absence of to great a part of the Fleet, there were left four *English*, and two Dutch Ships of War.

The King of Spain carried to Italy.

There being a very great want of Cables, and other Stores, the Admiral proceeded to *Livorne*, in order to procure what could be had there, and the 18th of *October* the *Superbe* and *Tartar*, the first commanded by Captain *Monopenny*, and the latter by Captain *Ogle*, brought in two rich Prizes coming from the *Levant*.

Two rich Prizes taken.

The 2d of *November* the Admiral sailed from *Livorne*, and in two Days arrived in *Vado Bay*, where by the 10th there were embarked seven hundred and twenty Horse, and upwards of two hundred and forty Foot; but since the Winter Season was so far advanced, it was not thought safe for the whole Fleet to go to *Barcelona*, so that the Transports were put under the Protection of five Ships of War, and two Fireships, commanded by Captain *Swanton*, and three of the Ships of the States-General, which were to accompany the Admiral as far Westward as *Cape Roses*, and then, upon a Signal, to separate, at which time the Body of the Fleet proceeded towards *Port Mahon*, whither the others were ordered to repair when they had seen the Transports in Safety, that so the Admiral might make a Detachment to guard the Coast of *Portugal*, pursuant to the Orders he had received; and some Cruisers were sent to the *Streights Mouth* for Security of our Trade, but more especially that of the *Levant Company*.

Horse and Foot embark'd at Vado, and convey'd to Barcelona.

The Admiral proceeds to Port Mahon.

When he had made the Island of *Minorca*, the Wind came up at N. E. and blew extreme hard, insomuch that he was constrained to come to an Anchor on the West side of it, but most of the Ships Sails blew away from the Yards; however he got into *Port Mahon* the next Day, and the Captains of the two Ships which he found there informing him that he had heard many Guns fired the Night before, he sent out the *Chatham* and *Winchelsea* to see what they could discover, which returning next Day, brought him an Account that the Dutch Vice-Admiral, with his Squadron, (who was driven to Leeward when he anchored) was in the *Offing*, as also Captain *Mighils* in the *Hampton Court*, with the *Sterling Castle*, *Nottingham*, *Charls Gally*, and *Lynn*, which Ships of ours came

A hard Gale of Wind.

from the Coast of *Catalonia*, and had fallen in with two *French* Men of War, called the *Thouloſe*, and *Trident*, of 50 Guns, and four hundred Men each.

The Hamp-
ton-Court
takes a French
Ship of War.

The *Hampton-Court* came up with the first of them, and engaged her two Hours, to whose Commander by the time the *Sterling-Castle* was within Musket-shot, (which was about Ten at Night) she struck; but by the Advantage of little Winds the *Trident* got away with her Oars. The *Hampton-Court's* Masts being much wounded in the Fight, they, by the Violence of the Weather, came next Day all by the board, so that she was towed into Port by the *Sterling-Castle*.

The Restora-
tion lost.

About the same time the *Restoration*, a Ship of 70 Guns, was lost on the back-side of the *Mallora*, off of *Livorne*, but all her Officers and Men saved; nor fared it better with a *Saetia*, that had on board to the Value of about four thousand Crowns, which she was bringing from one of the Ports of *Corſica*.

The first Captain of the *Thouloſe* was Monsieur *Le Grand Prié*, and the second Captain *Rigby*, an *Englishman*, who had formerly bore Command in our Fleet. From the former of them the Admiral accepted his Parole of Honour for six Months, but the latter he detained, although Monsieur *Le Grand Prié* assured him he was naturalized in *France*, and was become a *Roman* Catholick; but some way or other he found means to escape, and it was believed he got into a Ship of *Genoa*, which lay in the Harbour of *Mabon*.

Vice-Admiral
Baker proceeds
to the Coast of
Portugal.

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How the Ships
were divided.

At length Vice-Admiral *Baker*, who had been detained by contrary Winds, sailed with the Ships appointed to be under his Command to the Coast of *Portugal*, of whose Proceedings, while there, I have already given an Account; and now (*viz.* in the Month of *January*) the Disposition of the Ships was as follows, *viz.* at *Port Mabon* one Second Rate, one Third, one Fireship, two Bomb-Vessels, two Hospital Ships, and six *Dutch* Men of War. Gone to *Lisbon*, five Third Rates, one Fourth, two Fifths, and a Fireship. A Third and Fourth Rate were sent to *Naples*, and four *Dutch* Ships were expected from thence. Two Fourth Rates were on the Coast of *Italy*, and one Fifth sent to *Barcelona*, as were also to that Coast one Ship of the Third, one of the Fourth, and two *Dutch*, with the Duke of *Argyle*. Two Fifth Rates, and one of the Ships of the States-General were gone to *Tarragona*, and a Third Rate, a Fourth, and a Fifth, sent to convoy a Ship with Naval Stores from *Gibraltar*. One Fourth Rate was dispatched to *Cagliari*, and thence to *Livorne*, and one of the Third, and another of the Fourth, were ordered on a short Cruise.

Advice of
some Ships
fitting out at
Thoulon.

The Admiral receiving Advice, while at *Port Mabon*, that the Enemy were fitting out at *Thoulon* eight Ships from 70 to 60 Guns, with three of 40 each, and that they were bound to *Cadiz*, and thence to the *West-Indies*, he called a Council of War the 21st of *February*, and it being found that the Ships under his Command could not go to Sea, until they had Supplies of Provisions from *Italy*, it was determined to send a Frigate with this Intelligence to Vice-Admiral *Baker* at *Lisbon*, that so he might strengthen the Con-

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voy from thence with the Storeships and Victuallers, and that as soon as the *English* and *Dutch* Ships arrived from *Italy*, the Admiral should cruise between *Port Mahon* and *Cape de Gates*, not only to protect the said Convoy, but to intercept the Enemy.

The Convoy being safely arrived at *Port Mahon*, and the Admiral receiving farther Intelligence of the Enemy's Naval Preparations, not only by my Letter, but from Mr. *Chetwynd*, Resident at *Genoa*, and Consul *Crow* at *Livorne*, it was resolved at a Council of War, both of the *English* and *Dutch*, the 11th Day of *March*, to proceed to Sea with one Second Rate, three Thirds, two of the Fifth, and two Fireships of ours, together with nine Ships of the States-General, and cruise ten or twelve Leagues S. S. W. from *Cape Thoulon*, until more certain Advice could be gained of the Enemy's Proceedings; but Captain *Wallpole* of the *Lyon* joining the Fleet from *Genoa*, and giving an Account that he saw from the Mast-head, the 22d of *March*, nine tall Ships steering to the Westward, with the Wind at E. S. E, the N. W. Point of the Island of *Minorca* then bearing S. W. by S. about ten Leagues off, it was resolved at a Council of War, held the next Day, to proceed to the Southward of *Majorca* and *Tvica*, and endeavour to intercept the Enemy between that and *Cape Martin*, in their Passage down the *Streights*.

Convoy with Transports and Victuallers: from England arrive at Port Mahon. A Council of War determine to proceed off of Thoulon.

Resolution about cruising for a French Squadron.

Gaining no farther Intelligence of the *French* Squadron, he came to an Anchor the 1st of *April* off of the Island of *Formentera*, from whence he sent two of the cleanest Ships to the Coast of *Valentia*, to look into the Bays of *Denia*, *Xabea*, and *Altea*, as also *Alicant* Road, and if they should not bring him any Advice, it was determined to sail between the Islands to *Barcelona*, where probably he might have some Account of them. Arriving there, and meeting with no farther News of them, it was resolved to detach a clean Frigate to look into *Thoulon*, and to proceed off of the Isles of *Hyerres*, to see what they were doing, and particularly whether the Squadron bound to *Cadiz* was still in that Harbour, which done, she was to join the Fleet in a Station S. S. E. ten Leagues from *Cape Thoulon*; and if no farther Intelligence could thus be gained, it was thought adviseable to repair to *Port Mahon* to revictual, and then to proceed to the Coast of *Italy*, as the Emperess had desired, in order to the conducting the Transports with Troops from thence to *Catalonia*.

Ships sent for Intelligence.

The Admiral being not able to procure any farther Account of the Enemy, arrived in *Vado Bay* the 1st of *May*, and finding Orders for embarking the Troops, he sent the Transport Ships into the *Mole*, and proceeded with the *English* and *Dutch* Ships to *Livorne* for Provisions, where he came the 7th of *May*, from whence he sent out clean Ships to cruise, and was preparing to return to *Genoa* with the rest, to concert Measures for the Embarcation, and, if possible, to prevent making two Voyages on that Service. But here it may not be improper to take notice that the *Winchelsea* joining him the 18th of *April*, her Captain gave an Account that while he was at *Gibraltar*, he saw a Squadron of *French* Ships pass through the *Streights*, whereupon he sent a Frigate to look into *Thoulon*, whose Commander, Captain *Haddock*, saw but four Ships in the *Basin* which

Sir John Jennings arrives in Vado Bay, and thence proceeds to Livorne.

Advice of French ships being gone through the Streights.

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were rigged; nor did they intend, by all the Advices which could be gained, to fit out more than six Ships from 80 to 50 Guns, which were to be sent, two and two, to *Smyrna* and *Scanderoon*.

The 23d of *May* Sir *John Jennings* sailed from *Vado* with six *English* Ships, and looked in at *Thoulon*, where he saw but one Ship of War of 50 Guns ready for the Sea, with one or two of greater Force in the *Basin*, for at this time the *French* were in great want of Naval Stores. From thence he proceeded and joined the *Dutch* Vice-Admiral, with the Transports that had on board them about six thousand five hundred Men, which were put on shore in two Days time; and his Imperial Majesty and Count *Staremburgh*, urging, at a Conference, the Necessity of bringing the Cavalry from *Italy*, it was resolv'd to return to *Vado*; but since the Enemy were transporting Provisions and Ammunition from *Carthage* to *Peniscola*, it was thought necessary to send three *English* Ships, and two of the *Dutch*, to cruise upon the Coast of *Valentia*, and after they had so done for some time, to lie either within, or without the *Streights*, to annoy the Enemy and protect our Trade, which Ships were put under the Command of Captain *Morrice* of the *Canterbury*.

Resolv'd to proceed to *Vado*, to conduct the Cavalry from thence.

The Transports conducted to *Barcelona*.
Suspension of Arms.

The Admiral sailing from *Vado* with the Transports the 27th of *July*, arrived at *Barcelona* the 7th of *August*, and about the 7th of *September* he received the Queen's Orders for a Suspension of Arms by Sea and Land, and a Letter from the Lord Viscount *Bolingbroke*, then at *Paris*, signifying to him Her Majesty's Commands that he should not molest a great *French* Corn Fleet bound from the *Levant* to the Coast of *Provence*, which he had for almost ten Weeks been looking out for, and, in order to the intercepting them, had so divided the Fleet on particular, and proper Stations, that it was next to an Impossibility they could have escaped.

The Emperors carried to *Genoa* from *Barcelona*.

Continuing at *Barcelona*, in order to his transporting the Emperors from thence, her Majesty (who had remained some time in that Capital after the Departure of the Emperor) embarked with her Retinue, and being landed at *Genoa*, took her Journey towards the Imperial Court the 26th of *March*.

Catalonia being now in a great measure evacuated, and there being now thirty thousand Men in the Service of the Allies, who were encamped at *Ostabric* and *Blanes*, the Places the Duke of *Popoli* agreed they should possess till such time as they could be embarked for *Naples*, the Admiral took such extraordinary care and pains in that Affair, that he soon sent twelve thousand of them away with a proper Convoy, and in few Days after sailed himself, with the Transports that had the remainder of them on board, in the Performance of which Service, and others of like Nature, he saved Her Majesty a very considerable Sum of Money on the Head of Victualling.

The People of *Barcelona* declare War against King *Philip*.

The People of *Barcelona* soon after declared War, by beat of Drum, against King *Philip*, in the Emperor's Name, but what they afterwards suffered, by a long and insupportable Siege, and how they were wholly neglected at last by thole who had the most reason to exert themselves in their behalf, hath been more amply explain'd by others

others than I am able to set forth here, and must be very fresh in every Man's Memory. It shall therefore suffice to say, that never did brave People endeavour more (from the Countenance they hoped to receive) to preserve their ancient known Rights and Liberties; nor hardly did ever a Number of Men, inclosed within the Walls of a City, suffer more in its Defence, or when they were, at the long run, constrained to submit, meet with more inhuman Treatment.

Barcelona yielded, and the People barbarously treated.

But let us leave this melancholy Subject, and return to the Proceedings of our Admiral in those Seas, who having a Minister sent to him from the Duke of *Savoy*, to adjust Matters about his embarking, with his Duchies, for his Kingdom of *Sicily*, which was parcelled out to him upon the Peace, he accommodated those Matters so well, that he sailed with their *Sicilian* Majesties from *Villa Franca*, and landed them at *Palermo* the 30th of *September*, where they were received with very great Acclamations of Joy; so that having little or nothing more to do with the Fleet under his Command, and being left at liberty either to return home by Sea or Land, as it might suit best with his Convenience, he made choice of the latter, and arriving at *Paris* the 16th of *November*, came to *England* in few Days after.

Sir John Jennings carries their Sicilian Majesties to Palermo.

Thus ended this second long and tedious War; and as I have at the close of the first summed up the Number of Ships which were either taken from us by the *French*, or lost, by their being forced on shore, or otherwise, as also what Losses they, in like manner, sustained in their Naval Force; so have I hereafter inserted the like Comparison, including therein such as have been retaken on either side, and those twenty great Ships the *French* precipitately sunk at the Siege of *Thoulon*, when *Sir Cloudesley Shovell* came off of that Port with the Fleet of *Great Britain*, which were never after fit for Service, as hath been before observed.

English.

Taken, or lost.		Total of
Guns.	Number.	Guns.
80	— 2	160
70	— 4	280
60	— 2	120
50	— 8	400
48	— 1	48
40	— 2	80
36	— 1	36
32	— 4	128
30	— 1	30
28	— 1	28
24	— 11	264
22	— 1	22
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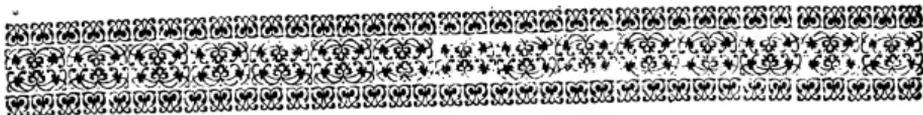
French.

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Guns.	Taken, or lost.		Total of Guns.
	Number.		
100	—	4	400
90	—	8	720
86	—	8	688
74	—	1	74
70	—	3	210
64	—	1	64
56	—	1	56
54	—	4	216
50	—	2	100
48	—	1	48
40	—	1	40
36	—	2	72
34	—	1	34
32	—	1	32
30	—	2	60
28	—	1	28
24	—	8	192
20	—	3	60
		52	3094
			1596

The Loss of the *French* exceeded ours 1498





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113.	41.	leave out <i>that Princess</i> , and make a , before the Words.
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126.	45.	for <i>Drepanum</i> r. <i>Drepanum</i> .
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139.	20.	for <i>draw</i> r. <i>arove</i> .
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	30.	leave out <i>afur</i> .
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556.	31.	after <i>Havana</i> r. <i>and</i> .
564.	21.	after <i>were</i> make a , and after <i>himself</i> a ,
566.	15.	after <i>would</i> leave out <i>have</i> .
570.	44.	instead of <i>but</i> r. <i>where he</i> .
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601.	4.	after <i>soon</i> leave out the ,
614.	34.	for <i>coming</i> r. <i>going</i> .
618.	21.	after <i>Agents</i> make . and he with a great <i>H</i> .
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	37.	after <i>Wind</i> make a , instead of a ;
630.	44.	after <i>Start</i> r. <i>was</i> .
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791.	8.	for <i>for</i> r. <i>from</i> .
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